

Decisions Summary Document

Council Coordination Committee Special Webinar Meeting

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The following decision summary statements for this Council Coordination Committee (CCC) special webinar meeting are listed under the agenda topic title as listed in the adopted working agenda, shown at http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/A4_Agenda_OCT2013CCC.pdf.

Agenda Item C. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization

The CCC decided to provide Congressional principals with a statement expressing their belief that the current Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) is working well towards providing sustainable marine fisheries but that there are refinements to the MSA that can improve the existing management system. The CCC will also provide relevant written materials from this webinar submitted by the individual Regional Fishery Management Councils¹ with the request that they be considered when bills are drafted. In expressing confidence in most aspects of the MSA and the perspective that any changes should be carefully considered so as to not impair features that the CCC believes are key to current successes, the CCC noted the following as candidate areas for improvement:

- stock rebuilding plans, including
 - a. providing flexibility in stock rebuilding schedules,
 - b. addressing the discontinuity of the 10-year requirement, and
 - c. taking into account socioeconomic impacts;
- ending overfishing;
- mixed stock fishery flexibility;
- recreational fishery considerations;
- management of data poor stocks; and
- a variety of international fishery management issues.

Agenda Item D. CCC Terms of Reference

The CCC did not take action on amending the Terms of Reference in regard to CCC Advisory Bodies. Alternatively, the CCC will continue to consider the necessity of changes associated with establishing subcommittees, look closely at the role of the National Scientific and Statistical Committee Subcommittee Terms of Reference in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and discuss these matters again at the February 2014 CCC meeting.

Agenda Item F Next CCC Meetings

The CCC confirmed the interim CCC meeting scheduled for February 19-20, 2014 will be held in the Washington DC area and committed to making any necessary adjustments to ensure the meeting is held in the event of another Federal government shutdown or other impairment to the ability of NMFS to host the meeting. The CCC also confirmed the next annual CCC meeting, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, will be held May 13-15, 2014 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

¹ These materials include the following:

1. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 3](#)
2. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 5](#)
3. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 6](#)
4. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 7](#)
5. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 8](#)
6. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 9](#)
7. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 10](#)
8. [Agenda Item C, Attachment 11](#)

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