

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) encourages inclusion of policies and practices that support implementation of ecosystem-based management in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) reauthorization. The following proposed legislative initiatives are illustrations of efforts that would enhance broad stakeholder engagement and stewardship opportunities: (a) developing guidelines (with Scientific and Statistical Committees) to facilitate greater use of data from nongovernment sources, including fishermen, fishing communities, universities, and research institutions and (b) authority to Councils to use alternative fishery management measures in recreational fisheries that encourage regional stewardship.

The EAS looks forward to reviewing the further work of the Legislative Committee and opportunities to comment for the Council's final deliberations on advice concerning the MSA Reauthorization.

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