

# Krill Management in the EEZ

- Background

NOAA Sanctuaries Request

Initial Alternatives Report from NMFS/GCNW

SWR Commitment

Decision to Use CPS FMP

Preparation of Alternatives Analysis – NOT a NEPA document at this stage

# Decisions for the Council

## Select Preferred Alternatives for Public Review

Objectives for Krill Management

Principal Species

Managed or Monitored Species

Essential Fish Habitat

Habitat Areas of Particular Concern

Conservation and Management Measures

# Alternatives Considered for Management Mechanism

- CPS FMP Amendment (preferred)
- EFH Designation (rejected)
- Forage Designation (rejected)

# Draft Objectives

- Maintenance of krill stocks
- Ensure timely recovery in case of decline below critical level
- Data collection for any fishing
- Foundation for research
- Protect key foraging areas for dependent and associated predators

# Managed vs. Monitored Stock

- CPS FMP has both categories
- Managed has firm MSY control rules
- Monitored has default MSY control rules
- Managed generally include quota formula
- Monitored has no catch limits but can have gear, time, area or other controls

# Conservation and Management Measures Considered

- Prohibit Krill Fishing (absolute)
- Area closures
- Seasonal closures
- Quotas/Harvest Guidelines
- Limits Based on Water Temperatures
- EFPs

# Management Considerations

- Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements
- Uncertainty
- Complexity
- Responsiveness
- Risk to Krill
- Economic Potentials

# Summarize

## Select Preferred Alternatives

- Objectives
- Species
- To categorize as active or monitored
- To select conservation and management measures
- To select EFH and HAPC



# Document Adjustments

- Clarify Council decision on mechanism to be used
- Add info about managed vs. monitored stocks under CPS FMP
- Delete material suggesting FONSI until final decisions are made
- Delete material suggesting consistency with MSFCMA law until final decisions are made

# Next Steps

- Complete draft EA with FMP/Reg Amendment for public distribution and review
- Public hearings? Optional
- Complete review and analysis of public comments for Council consideration 2006
- Prepare draft “final” amendment and proposed regulations following Council action