

## COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Section 302(1) of the reauthorized Magnuson Stevens Act (MSA) provides for the establishment of a Council Coordination Committee (CCC) which is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act rules. The CCC is to consist of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight councils, or other council members or staff, for the purpose of discussing issues of relevance to all councils, including issues related to the implementation of the MSA. This provision now allows the councils under the authority of the MSA to formally establish the coordination process that has occurred in past years through the annual Council Chairs and Executive Directors (CCED) Meeting and other less formal meetings.

In view of the upcoming chairs and directors meeting this May, it appears prudent for the councils to formally establish the CCC. To that end, NOAA Fisheries Headquarters staff recommends that all council's pass a uniform motion to establish the CCC as follows:

There shall be established a Council Coordination Committee consisting of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight regional fishery management councils, other council members, and staff. The chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors shall be voting members. The six NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrators or their designees, other council members, and staff shall be non-voting members. The Council Coordinating Committee shall meet from time to time as appropriate to discuss issues of relevance to all councils. The Council Coordinating Committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

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