

Agenda Item J.4.b
Supplemental NMFS Agenda Request
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Subject: REQUEST: Agenda time for Catch Shares Policy Discussion
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Dear Regional Council Chairs and Executive Directors:

In May, NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco announced the creation of a Catch Shares Task Force (CSTF) to help NOAA facilitate the consideration and adoption of catch shares where appropriate as a management strategy in Regional Council and Secretarial fisheries management plans. The work of the Task Force is nearly complete, and a draft-interim NOAA catch share policy will be released in late September for public review and comment for a period of at least 90 days.

As we discussed with the eight Council participants on the Task Force at our last CSTF conference call, we are seeking to schedule time (1 hour) on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting for Monica Medina (Senior Advisor to Dr. Lubchenco and CSTF Chairperson) or another NOAA Task Force member to present and discuss this draft policy with you. The meetings we are seeking to attend are as follows:

NPFMC - December 7-13
PFMC - October 31-Nov 5
WPFMC - October 20-23
NEFMC - October 20-21 or November 17-19
MAFMC - October 13-15 or December 8-10
SAFMC - December 7-11
GMFMC - October 19-22
CFMC - Next scheduled meeting

As experience has proven, Monica's schedule is very dynamic but I hope we can book her time in advance to as many Council meetings as possible. Please reply to me with the meeting date and time that would work best for you and I'll work with her scheduler to lock-in the dates as best as possible, and schedule a back-up CSTF presenter just in case.

Thanks very much in advance for your support and assistance with this effort. We look forward to discussing the draft policy with you in the coming months, and working together on implementing the policy once it is finalized. Please contact me if you have any questions.

- Mark

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