

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE CLIMATE SCIENCE STRATEGY UPDATE

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has drafted a Climate Science Strategy (Strategy) to address the growing internal and external demands for climate-related information needed to fulfill agency mandates (Agenda Item E.3.b, NMFS Report). The goal of the Strategy is to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information to inform NMFS and partner activities.

The Strategy is focused on strengthening the collaborative science enterprise needed for NMFS and partners to prepare for and respond to changing climate and ocean conditions. NMFS depends on many partners inside and outside of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to meet these information needs. Stakeholder comments on, engagement with, and support for the Strategy is critical to its success. For this reason, NMFS is seeking input on the Strategy from the Council and the public. The public comment period on the Strategy ends March 31, 2014.

Dr. Jason Link, Senior Scientist for Ecosystems at the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, will brief the Council on the Strategy and answer questions.

Council Action:

Consider the NMFS Draft Climate Science Strategy.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.3.b, NMFS Report: Draft NMFS Climate Science Strategy, January 2015.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider the NMFS Draft Climate Science Strategy

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