

NMFS' West Coast Region Recreational Fisheries Implementation Plan for 2016-2018

The Council will recall considering and commenting on the National Saltwater Policy during the November 2014 Council meeting. Since that time, as noted in the November 2015 NMFS Report (Agenda Item G.1.a), NMFS West Coast Region and Science Center staff updated the 2014-2015 Recreational Fisheries Action Agenda that implements the National Policy.

The updated Regional Action Agenda includes projects and activities in all three West Coast states and will continue the progress made under the 2014-2015 Plan. The Action Agenda is intended to serve as a roadmap for Agency action on recreational fisheries at the regional level through 2018. The Action Agenda will strive to make recreational fisheries a key focus of Agency action in both the short and long term and should be considered a living document, able to accommodate new challenges and opportunities as they arise. The draft Action Agenda was developed with input from west coast recreational fishery stakeholders, and recently was sent to State Directors for their review and comment. The target date for public release of the Plan is spring 2016, however since this is a living document, NMFS welcomes comment and feedback at any time.

NMFS is requesting that the Council consider including a discussion of the Draft Plan during one of its meetings in 2016.

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