

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE
COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The CCC tentatively adopted a consensus statement on aquaculture for use in their Working Paper on MSA reauthorizations issues as follows:

“The CCC believes that the Councils’ existing authority under the Magnuson-Stevens Act allows them to development fishery management plans to regulate aquaculture in their respective exclusive economic zones (EEZ) to address major topics like permitting process and duration, approval of systems and siting, species that may be cultured, and record keeping and reporting. The Gulf Council has an existing fishery management plan and other Councils have programs and/or policies addressing aquaculture in the EEZ. The Councils are in the process of determining whether they will develop an aquaculture fishery management plan and do not feel a consultation role alone would adequately address Council concerns.”

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