

# BSIA Guidance Update

(Agenda Item C.3)



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## BACKGROUND

NS2 describes BSIA and peer review, but not the end game of BSIA determination

NMFS is developing a document to clarify the BSIA determination process

- How & when in the process is BSIA firmly decided
- SSC role in BSIA process contributing to NMFS' final determination
- How the BSIA determination is documented

# COUNCIL INPUT PROCESS

## Recent Timeline

- Feb. 2017 CCC: draft BSIA framework presented to Councils
- May 2017 CCC: provided ppt & 2-pager for comment
- Spring 2017: series of presentations to various Councils and subcommittees (verbal feedback)
- Summer 2017: 4 Councils provided written comments
- February 2018 CCC: presented revised BSIA paper

# COUNCIL INPUT PROCESS

## Recent Timeline

- April – June 2018:
  - NPFMC, MAFMC, WPFMC, and GMFMC provided written comments
  - Methot participated in webinar with NE SSC
  - Methot will meet via webinar with GMFMC SSC
  - Koch and K. Werner will present (for Methot) at PFMC mtg in June

# COUNCIL INPUT

## Summary of comments – Overarching

- BSIA framework should better address data-limited fisheries.
- How will information (outside of a peer reviewed assessment) be considered?
- Document doesn't address how NMFS makes decisions.

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## Summary of comments – Assessment Revision

- “Assessment revision” section of document needs clarification.
  - When do revisions occur, and what type are appropriate given the timing?
  - Can revisions be iterative?

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## Summary of comments – SSC and NOAA Fisheries

- Timing concerns with SSC/NOAA roles
- How will the NMFS “representative” to SSC work?
- Need for report when SSC disagrees w/peer review
- What level of ambiguity/disagreement warrant NMFS consultation with SSC
- Early notice that proposed Council action may not be approvable
- Process by which SSC determines that an assessment meets NS2 BSIA guidelines needs to be explicit

## COUNCIL INPUT – OTHER COMMENTS

- Clarification needed about regional documentation of BSIA framework.
- Status determination and BSIA memos should be sent to Councils/SSCs.
- NPFMC process appears consistent with BSIA framework. Will additional meetings be necessary?
- References to “harvest” recommendations and specifications and should be changed to “catch”.
- SSC should engage early in process.
- Peer review panel may not have expertise in domestic requirements (e.g. ABC control rules).



## NEXT STEPS

- We welcome additional written comments by sometime in July 2018; sooner is better
- We will present final document to CCC in October and submit for internal clearance as a procedural directive

# BEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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# Thank you!

