

CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

In November 2018, the Council decided to undertake a climate change scenario planning exercise as part of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Communities Initiative. In March 2019, the Council adopted shifting stock availability (including shifting distribution) across species, fishery management plans, and communities across the West Coast as the topic for a climate change scenario planning exercise. This exercise will help the Council define the tools, products, and processes necessary to plan for potential future ecosystem states resulting from climate variability and climate change.

The Council formed the Climate and Communities Core Team (CCCT) to oversee this project and has brought on board scenario planning expert, Jonathan Star, to facilitate project activities. The CCCT held a kick-off webinar at the beginning of May and a two-day workshop at the end of May to learn about scenario planning principals and plan the project. The CCCT submitted a short report in June ([Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental CCCT Report 1](#)) reporting on workshop outcomes. It held a second webinar in early August to move forward with information gathering and begin planning a two-day scenario development workshop, which will have broad stakeholder participation. The CCCT intends to submit a supplemental report again updating the Council on progress with the project. Jonathan Star will also be on hand at the September Council meeting to provide an overview of climate change scenario planning principals.

Council Action:

Review the Scenario Planning Exercise Topic, Process, and Timeline and Provide Guidance on Next Steps, Including the Logistics, Participation, and Focus of a Scenario Planning Workshop.

Reference Materials:

1. *Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental CCCT Report.*
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review the Scenario Planning Exercise Topic, Process, and Timeline and Provide Guidance on Next Steps, Including the Logistics, Participation, and Focus of a Scenario Planning Workshop