

D.3 SPECIAL PROJECT 2: SOCIOECONOMIC FRAMEWORK

Council Task:

1. Consider synthesis report and gap analysis and draft methodology.
2. Consider selection of a type or category of example action to which the methodology and framework may be applied.
3. Select an example action and provide guidance on next steps.

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Guidance on D.3 Special Project 2: Socioeconomic Framework – Status Update and Methodology

1. Endorse the proposed methods based on the vulnerability framework adapted from Golden, et al, 2024, as described in Agenda Item D.3, attachment 2, *Draft Community Resilience Decision Tool Methodology*.

2. Include other measures of the *adaptive capacity* flexibility domain beyond diversification, for example loss of identity associated with leaving fishing. Include metrics and data for the other five domains (assets, organization, learning, agency, and socio-cognitive) as well. Where quantitative data is not available, include qualitative, narrative, or descriptive information.

3. Include in the decision framework where feasible, and in the associated indicators and data, concepts of:

- a. Social aspects across exposures, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity categories
- b. Equity and environmental justice
- c. Profit and costs of participation
- d. Council structure and process
- e. Target stock health and structure
- f. Infrastructure and social capital

4. Explore a more expansive definition of “fishing community” that is not only geographic. As part, consider the definition provided in the groundfish FMP.

5. Include description and explanation on how the tool operates between individual and community scales

6. In addition to the final tool, consider and provide the following outputs where feasible:

- a. Mechanism for ongoing improvement and suggested Council review timeline of the decision tool
- b. “logistical” recommendations for how to insert into the Council process
- c. Summary of data needs, their sources, timing, and associated costs
- d. Areas for future research and development
- e. Conduct a baseline assessment, or create a plan to conduct a baseline assessment

7. Consider as part of tool development:

- a. How will the tool nexus with NEPA and other common Council analytical documents
- b. If the tool should have different versions for each FMP.

- c. Existing data and knowledge tools and portals, that may provide data and input, such as Pacific Fishing Effort Mapping Program (PacFEM)
- d. Narrative and qualitative metrics and data
- e. How this tool will incorporate and treat Indigenous Knowledge

8. Decision tool ideas:

- a. Qualitative impacts matrix
- b. A decision-support document that provides a flowchart for Council entities to work through as part of their work on a Council agenda item.
- c. A list that can act as guide for Council entities as they consider Council actions – can provide support for reports to the Council and fodder for group discussion or individual analytics.

9. Consider the following retrospective Council actions for use as a case study:

- a. Salmon: 2024 Season Setting
- b. Groundfish: Development of a rebuilding plan

c. Groundfish: Trawl rationalization

10. Timing: An update from the project team in March/April 2027. Request a written update in the November 2026 Briefing Book under Information Reports that will explain progress, any substantial changes from what is presented at the June 2026 meeting and describe overwinter work. Additionally, a check-in with the SSC-ES at the requested time.