



Current Refinements in Conference Purpose Statement, Session Themes, and Focus Topics
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Conference Purpose Statement

The purpose of this conference is to elevate the discussion of current, developing concepts on the sustainability of United States marine fishery management, towards possible future use in improving contemporary practices. The conference will examine three theme areas of current relevance, each of which focuses on policy, science, and process issues associated with three highly germane topic areas. It is intended that findings that emerge from this national conference regarding advancing sustainable fishery management practices be considered for policy changes in current regulatory approaches or Magnuson –Stevens Act reauthorization legislation, as appropriate.

Session Themes and Focus Topics

	<u>Improving Fishery Management Essentials</u>	<u>Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision Making</u>	<u>Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability</u>
1	ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data Poor Stocks	Integrating Habitat Considerations: Opportunities and Impediments	Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Connections
2	Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines	Forage Species Management	Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Food Quality Assurances
3	International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field	Integration of Climate Change, including Integrated Ecosystem Assessments	Assessment and Integration of Socio-Economic Tradeoffs