Leadership Council Task

• Broad View of Issue
• Comprised of Headquarters and Regional NOAA Fisheries Employees
• Look at Successes and Failures of Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management; Lessons Learned
Terms of Reference: Outcomes

- White paper summarizing the critical success factors of cooperative research and cooperative management
- Document an inventory of examples (whether successful or unsuccessful)
- Discuss best practices, and impediments/challenges
- Make recommendations to NOAA Leadership Council
White Paper Development

• Working group of 19 NMFS employees from around the country
• 50 Internal interviews from around the country
• 9 External interviews
• Letter writer round table
• West Coast Fisheries Forum
Cooperative Management vs. Co-Management:

Examples of Cooperative Management:

• Regional Fishery Management Council process
• Cooperative research through which stakeholders are actively engaged in data collection and scientific research
• Take Reduction Teams (TRTs)
• Bycatch Reduction Studies

Reserve Co-Management for:

• Management of marine resources with States and Federally-recognized Indian Tribes
Attributes for Successful Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management

- A clear legal framework
- An organized stakeholder group, with leadership
- Clear roles for partners, stakeholders and NOAA Fisheries personnel
- Clear goals
- Buy-in of partners and stakeholders
- Trust between stakeholders and NOAA Fisheries personnel
- Transparent and clearly understood decision-making process
- Strong and regular communication
- Matching the scale of the cooperative management system with the distribution and mobility of the managed species
- Use of results to make fishery management decision making
- Funding
Advance Cooperative Management

*Internal*
- Trust
- Collaboration
- Communication/listening
- Flexibility in rules
- Funding (obstacle)

*External*
- NOAA Fisheries needs to embrace cooperative management
- Communication
- Flexibility in Rules
- Funding (obstacle)
Advance Cooperative Research

*Internal*
- Collaboration: communication, building relationships and trust
- Standards and goals
- Changing Agency attitudes
- Assess where it is beneficial and what allows for success
- Funding
- Increase leadership

*External*
- Foster collaboration/ more inclusive by early engagement
- Define/communicate research goals
- Increase leadership
- Streamline the EFP and grants processes
- Increase or better utilize funding
Recommendations

- Provide one set of comments on the recommendations to Heather Sagar by June 26, 2015.
Any Questions?