

Scientific and Statistical Committees
Scope of Work
October 29, 2019
Webinar – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Agenda Item III: Review of NMFS Report to Congress: Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will review and discuss the NMFS report to Congress on recreational data collection and reporting. Specifically, the SSC should consider the types of and standards for recreational data and analyses that can be used in stock assessments, and whether those data and analyses are appropriate for informing fisheries management decisions. The SSC should also strive to provide specific recommendations for data collection and analyses to reduce uncertainty in and improve the accuracy of future stock assessments, including whether such data and analyses could be provided by nongovernmental sources. The SSC will have the opportunity to review the Council's comments on this same document.

Agenda Item IV: Review of *A Practitioner's Guide to Fisheries Social Impact Assessment*

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The SSC will review the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) guide, and may provide recommendations on the description of social impacts associated with regulatory actions. This SIA manual is designed to provide information to agencies and communities about social and cultural factors that need to be considered in any decision; provide a mechanism for incorporating local knowledge and values into the decision; and help the decision maker identify the most socially beneficial course of action for local, regional, and national interests. Standardizing these procedures is intended to assure that all SIAs are based on the best scientific information available, and to help social scientists who have never conducted an SIA.

Agenda Item V: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future SSC meeting.