



# Final BSIA Framework

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# BACKGROUND

- NS2 guidelines describe BSIA
- Procedural Directive complements NS2 guidelines
  - Describes Who, How, and When of BSIA process
  - Improves communication, coordination, and transparency in BSIA determination process

# COUNCIL INPUT – TIMELINE

- May 2016: Councils raised concerns about BSIA
- Fall 2016 to May 2018: Document development and series of NOAA briefings to CCC
- Spring/Summer 2017 – Spring/Summer 2018: Presentations to various Councils and subcommittees. Received verbal/written feedback
- Fall 2018 – March 2019: BSIA Procedural Directive developed and reviewed by NMFS Leadership Council

# BSIA Procedural Directive – Outline

- Introduction
- Objective
- Regional BSIA Framework Recommendation
- NOAA Fisheries BSIA Framework
  1. Stock assessment
  2. Peer review
  3. Assessment revision
  4. SSC and NOAA Fisheries steps
  5. Councils develop catch specifications
  6. NOAA Fisheries approval/final BSIA certification
- Appendix

# NOAA Fisheries BSIA Framework

1. Stock assessment – draft prepared
  - ‘stock assessment’ = data-limited to comprehensive
2. Peer review – separately evaluates technical merits of:
  - Stock status relative to overfishing SDC
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  - Projections that can be used to implement OFL and ABC control rules
  - Technical merits of revisions to SDCs, control rules, or other actions
3. Assessment revision – constrained by terms of reference

# NOAA Fisheries BSIA Framework

4. SSC and NOAA Fisheries steps
  - NOAA Fisheries point of contact to SSC
  - SSC considers peer reviewed assessment and makes catch recommendations (e.g., ABC) after determining BSIA guidelines met
  - NOAA Fisheries locks assessment records in SIS
  - NOAA Fisheries makes stock status determinations
5. Councils develop catch specifications (e.g., ACLs)
6. NMFS reviews and approves Council catch specifications/final BSIA certification

# Next Steps

- Regional Office – Science Center – Council groups should work to develop a Regional BSIA Framework.
- Deadline – 3 years.

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# Thank you!

