

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Allocations and Allocation Review Policy

Timeline Status: Presentation, Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Staff will give a presentation on allocation reviews and allocation amendments in the Gulf of Mexico. Staff will discuss start dates for initial allocation reviews set in the Council’s allocation review guidelines. The presentation also includes completed allocation amendments and planned and ongoing amendments with allocation reviews. Allocation-related motions approved by the Council and a proposed revised schedule to conduct allocation reviews will be discussed. The Committee should review the information presented, ask questions as needed, and make recommendations relative to the proposed timeline for allocation reviews. If warranted, The Committee should approve an updated review schedule and discuss whether the Council should send a letter to NMFS indicating changes to the allocation review schedule.

Agenda Item V: Summary of Scientific & Statistical Committee (SSC) Discussion on Incorporating Social Science Theory and Methods in Ecosystem Assessments

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council input and next steps: Staff will summarize the SSC’s discussion on incorporating social science theory and methods in ecosystem assessments. The SSC received this information at its September 2023 meeting. The SSC discussion included illustrative examples related to social data and methods including, conventional methods such as interviews, focus groups, and surveys and other approaches such as cultural consensus analysis and the conversion of qualitative data into quantitative data to create dependence and vulnerability indices. The Committee should discuss the information presented and ask questions.

Agenda Item VI: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

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