

Agenda Items

MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

- Consolidate the National Standards to Five
 - Reflects Congressional Intent
 - Utilizes MSY
- Replace the Terms “Overfishing” and “Overfished”
- Define “Best Science Available” and “MSY”
- Consider Economic and Social Impacts
- Replace Arbitrary 10-year Rebuilding Timeline with a Science-Based MSY standard
- Consider all impacts on fish stocks
 - Natural Mortality
 - Pollution
 - Harvesting
- Utilize Electronic Monitoring in place of Observers

IMPROVE AND SIMPLIFY STOCK ASSESSMENTS

- Data Collection and Assessment Methods
 - Utilize Modern Technology and Assessments
 - Implement Cooperative Research Programs
- Develop Multi-Species Management Plans
- Open Recovered Closed-Areas
- Proactively Manage to Prevent Bycatch

COMMUNICATE WITH AND EDUCATE STAKEHOLDERS

- Transparency Among Stakeholders
- Educate on Laws and Public Policies

Call to Action

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Center For
Sustainable Fisheries

A science based non-profit organization devoted to the conservation of our fisheries resources and the economic development of our fishing communities.

We are at a critical point in fisheries management where we need to utilize reliable science in order to establish balanced and effective fishery management standards.



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Mission Statement

THE CURRENT SITUATION

Fisheries management in the U.S. is considered by many to be dysfunctional.

Tension between the fishing industry, conservation groups, and regulators squanders hundreds of millions of dollars of under harvested fish, transaction costs, seemingly perpetual standoffs, and untold hours of conferences and meetings.

This waste is generally due to disagreement over the facts:

How much fish should be allocated?



The impact of natural mortality on fish stocks?



Whether stocks are allegedly “overfished?”



Whether mixed stocks should be managed as a single species or as a group?



Whether ecosystem based management is feasible?

CSF'S VISION

A total system fisheries management system:

Get the facts on the table



Broaden Perspectives about stock assessments



Think in and outside the box about what works and does not work



Balance the MSA National Standards



Prospering Fishing Communities



Healthy Fish Stocks



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How We Achieve Our Mission

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Promotes Hard, Technical Assessment and Results About

STOCK ASSESSMENT METHODS



POLICY ANALYSIS



LEGAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS



SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Shines Light Upon What We Know and What We Don't Know

Focuses on working with:

THE GOVERNMENT



FISHING INDUSTRY



CONSERVATION GROUPS



GENERAL PUBLIC

WHY GETTING THE FACTS ON THE TABLE IS IMPORTANT:

Effective Allocation of Time, Money, and Resources

Creates Transparency and Alleviates Dysfunction in Fishery Management

Better Understanding of How Fisheries Management and Decisions Impact Local Fishing Communities