



AFA Program Review Workplan

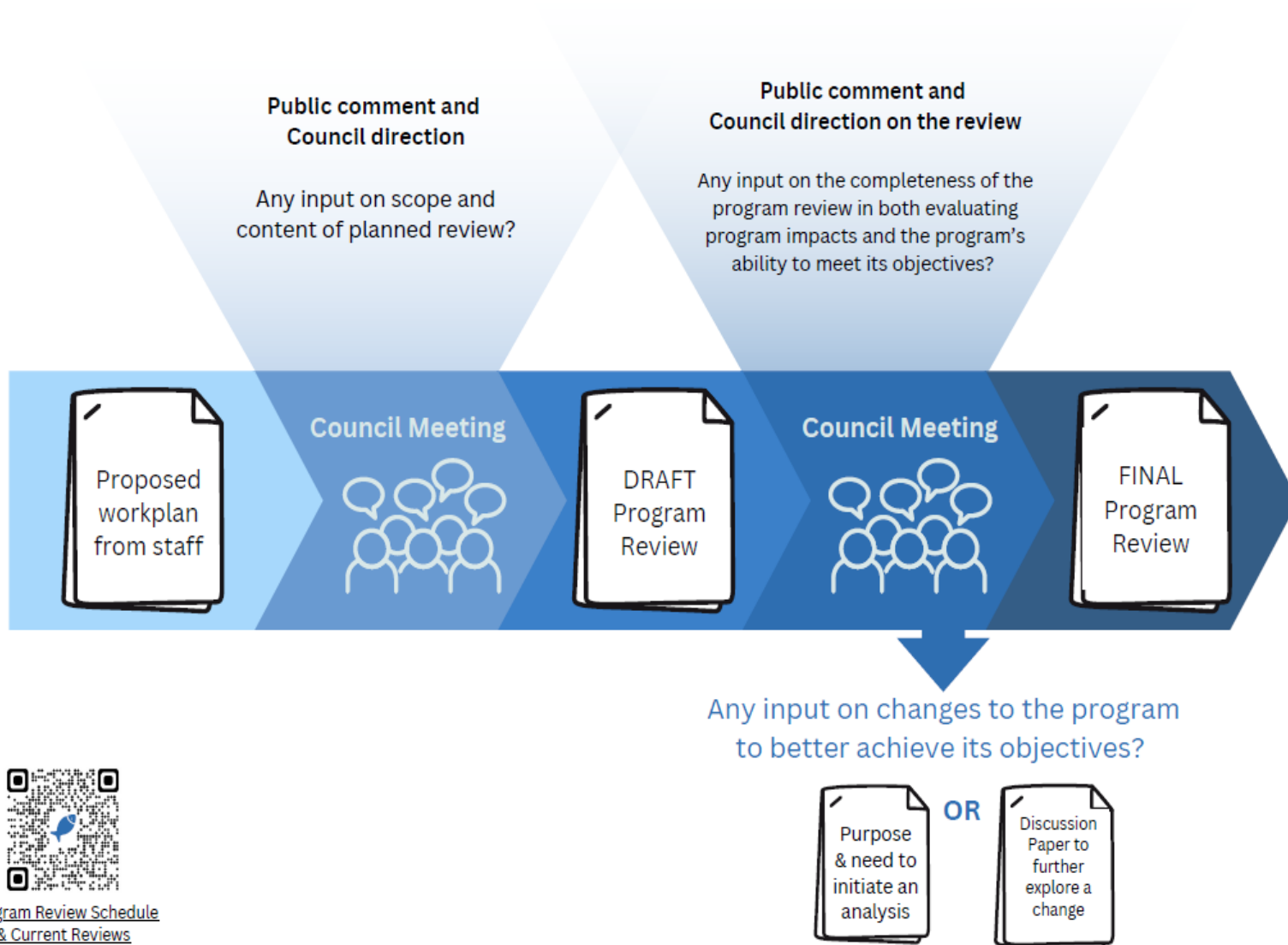
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NPFMC Program Reviews

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act requires program reviews initially after the first 5 years and then every 7 years for all Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs).



[Program Review Schedule & Current Reviews](#)



AFA Program Review Timeline

Section 303A(c)(1)(G) of the MSA requires a catch share program review every 7 years after the initial 5-year review. Last AFA Program Review was completed in 2017

February 2024, presentation of draft workplan and receive input of potential modifications.

Program review document is scheduled to be presented at the June 2024 Council meeting.



AFA Program Review History

- ▶ Previous AFA Program Reviews:
 - ▶ 2002 Report to Congress
 - ▶ 2017 AFA Program Review



AFA Program Review Objectives

- ▶ Guidance documents
 - ▶ Program reviews are intended to measure the success of the program by addressing issues raised in the LAPP's problem statement and the standards listed in the Magnuson-Stevens Act
 - ▶ Recommends the use of standard indices to provide insights into the biologic, economic, and social impacts
- ▶ The SSC, AP, and public comments may provide the Council with information that would inform changes to the proposed review document objectives/outline



AFA Program Goals and Objectives

- ▶ The purpose of the AFA was to
 - ▶ Tighten U.S. ownership standards for fishing vessels
 - ▶ Decapitalize the BSAI pollock fishery
 - ▶ Provide an opportunity for BSAI pollock fleet to fish in more rational manner by providing specific allocations of the BSAI pollock quota and allow for cooperative formation
 - ▶ Increasing long-term economic and social benefits by promoting sustainable fishing practices that support the livelihoods of fishing communities
 - ▶ Ensuring a safe and sustainable supply of seafood by protecting fish habitats and minimizing bycatch
 - ▶ Establish measures to protect the non-AFA fisheries from adverse impacts from AFA fishery cooperative fishing



AFA Program Review Proposed Structure

- ▶ Workplan includes an annotated outline with the structure of the 2024 review basically following the 2017 review
- ▶ The intent is to address changes since the last review (2015-2023) while providing background information from the previous review (2002-2015)
- ▶ Data used for the review will be from AFA Cooperatives, RAM, CAS, COAR, NMFS, and NOISH



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- ▶ **Executive Summary** – key finds of the AFA Program to include a series of dashboards to illustrate key findings
- ▶ **1.0. Introduction** – 1) summarize the requirements of program review, 2) summarize the goals and objectives of the AFA Program and MSA to develop the scope of program review issues, 3) and roadmap showing the organization of the review.
- ▶ **2.0. Description of BS pollock fishery management**
- ▶ **3.0. Overview of AFA cooperatives** – overview of the development of AFA cooperatives, a description of their contractual structure, and cooperative reporting requirements.



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- ▶ **4.0. Allocation and Harvest** - will summarize the historical distribution of annual BS pollock allocation among the cooperatives, the amount of BS pollock harvested by each cooperative, and exvessel and wholesale revenue estimates.
- ▶ **5.0. Participation and Consolidation** – will describe participation trends to include changes in vessel activity within the cooperatives. This section will also include a description of changes in employment at the AFA sector level.
- ▶ **6.0. Excessive Harvesting and Processing Limits** – will examine the question of excessive harvest limits and processing limits.



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- ▶ **7.0. Prohibited Species Catch** – will summarize salmon, halibut, crab, and herring PSC during the review period by AFA sector. The review will also provide a summary of recent Council PSC actions as it impacts AFA.
- ▶ **8.0. Fishing Communities** – will provide quantitative information and the description of social impacts of the AFA Program through 2023. This section will draw on the updated community profiles, ACEPO reports, and information from recent Council documents. The chapter will also include estimated Alaska community tax revenue from the BS pollock fishery and impacts on CDQ communities from the AFA Program.
- ▶ **9.0. Retention and Utilization** – summarize total, retained, and discarded catch in the BS pollock fishery, summarize production and value by product type and product flow through world markets, and summarize certifications of the BS pollock fishery.



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- ▶ **10.0. Sideboard Limits** – describes the sideboard protections and a summary of all AFA vessel sideboard limits and catch amounts in the BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries.
- ▶ **11.0. Fishing Vessel Safety** – will provide a review of incidents related to AFA fisheries.
- ▶ **12.0. Cost Recovery** – will update the management costs and cost recovery fees related to the AFA pollock fishery.



Thank You

Questions?

