
IRA FUNDING WORKPLAN

DECEMBER 2023



INFLATION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING

- NMFS has received funding to provide science-based management and conservation of the nation's marine resources as it confronts climate change
 - \$20 million to support Councils implementing climate-ready fisheries measures
 - **NPFMC applying for \$2.5 million**
- Grant money must be used within 4 years (2024-2027)
- Proposals must address fishery management and governance topics
- Focus is on implemented outcomes



OCTOBER 2023: COUNCIL SUPPORTED STAFF CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

- Staff October 2023 discussion paper highlighted potential opportunities
 - Synthesized recent NPFMC themes related to building climate resiliency
- **Council interest was to accelerate or expand upon existing Council climate-related priorities and initiatives**
 - Concerns about Council / staff capacity
 - Focused around programmatic management policy evaluation and implementation opportunities
 - Emphasized continuing to provide opportunities for Tribal entities and stakeholders to contribute to development of initiatives

Council motion: staff provide scope and timeline in December



1. MANAGEMENT POLICY AMENDMENTS THROUGH A PROGRAMMATIC EVALUATION

- **Develop strategic policy for adaptive, climate-resilient management for North Pacific federal fisheries**
- Programmatic evaluation to link and extend Council ongoing work-to-date on climate readiness, EBFM, integration of diverse knowledge sources
- Consider climate-resiliency analytical and decision tools, pathways for diverse knowledge sources, tools to assess and adapt to risk
- Workshops to facilitate informal dialogue and participation
 - Climate Scenario Planning 2024 workshop
 - Other workshops, particularly for next steps for aligning the management framework with the adopted policy (management measures, process changes)

Timeline: further discussion in Feb re potential directions; EIS Notice of Intent in July; refine alternatives in October; EIS draft/final in 2025



2. ASSESSMENT AND CLIMATE SCIENCE AMENDMENTS

- Corollary to strategic programmatic policy evaluation
- Focus on advancing questions identified in February 2023 SSC workshop report
 - Dynamic reference points
 - incorporating social or economic objectives in stock management
 - allocations in light of stock distributional changes
 - risk considerations in ABC and TAC
- Timeline: use 2024 SCS8 (national SSC) workshop to plan NPFMC case studies that advance implementable projects



SPEND PLAN FOR PROPOSAL

Personnel

- Climate initiative specialist staff hire for additional years 2024-2027
- Cover some existing staff time when working on IRA projects
- Sea Grant fellow(s)

Workshops

- CCTF Climate Scenario Planning 2024
- PEIS key issue workshop 2025 (eg community resilience)
- SSC assessment/ climate science workshop 2025
- PEIS implementation workshop 2026

Contracts

- Workshop facilitators
- Analytical work
- Communications/ Outreach
- AV/Internet



COUNCIL ACTION DECEMBER 2023



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- IRA Proposals (two parts) due end December and end January
 - Staff looking for Council feedback on whether this is the right approach for use of IRA funding opportunity
 - Recognition that IRA work will also require staff capacity beyond the new hire
 - Acknowledgement of preliminary project timelines, to allow for staff planning