

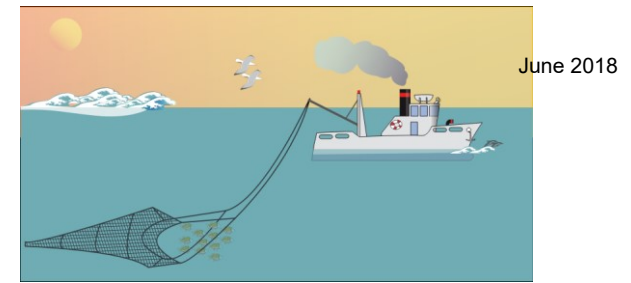
Draft SSC Report June 2018 B Agenda Items





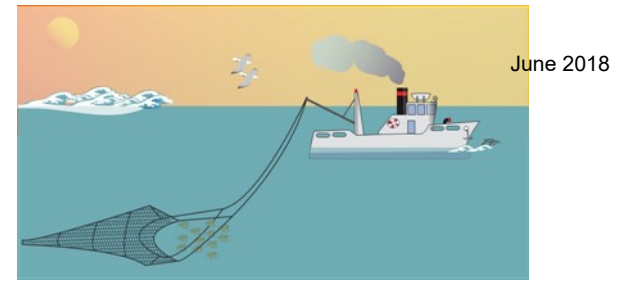
B1 Plan Team Nominations

- Ms. Lisa Hillier – GOA and BSAI Groundfish Plan Teams
 - Dr. Steven Barbeaux – BSAI Groundfish Plan Team
 - Dr. Peter Hulson – GOA Groundfish Plan Team
 - Dr. Kalei Shotwell – BSAI Groundfish Plan Team
 - Ms. Jane Sullivan – BSAI Groundfish Plan Team
 - Dr. Cody Szuwalski – BSAI Crab Plan Team
- ➔ The SSC finds all six nominees to be highly qualified to serve as plan team members
- ➔ The SSC recommends the Council to approve all of these nominations



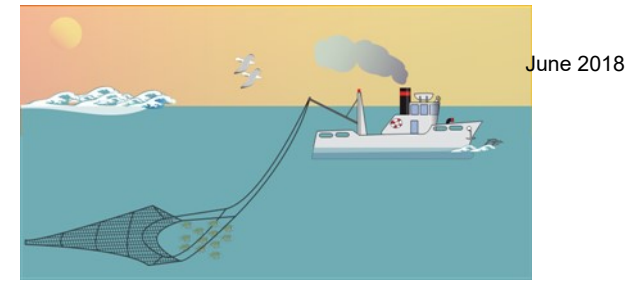
B2 NMFS Surveys

- Letter was provided by Dr. Doug DeMaster (AFSC, Science and Research Director) and presentation given by Mr. Jeremy Rusin (AFSC, Deputy Director)
- AFSC was unable to procure a charter fishing vessel for the Bering Sea slope survey
- AFSC will continue to work with the NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office to reduce hurdles to competition so that more qualified bids can be received next year
- FY19 plan for 5 charter vessels for surveys (2 EBS and 3 GOA), but it is most likely that funding will only be available for 4 vessels (2 EBS and 2 GOA), like FY 17



B2 NMFS Surveys

- Numbers of chartered vessels for surveys depend on uncertainties in the AFSC budget, including uncertain obligations for facility costs at Sand Point, WA.
- AFSC is planning for the possibility that only three vessels may be available for these surveys in FY 19 under three alternative scenarios:
 1. 2 vessels for the EBS (including the northern BS) and 1 for the BS slope (no GOA survey),
 2. 2 vessels for GOA and 1 vessel for BS slope (no EBS shelf survey),
 3. 3 vessels for the GOA only (no BS shelf or slope survey)



B2 NMFS Surveys

- Jeremy Rusin requested the assistance of the SSC to help the AFSC to explore and prioritize alternatives for survey deployment based on NPFMC needs
- The SSC has nominated a subgroup consisting of: Dana Hanselman, Dayv Lowry, Ali Whitman, George Hunt and Gordon Kruse
- The SSC will work with AFSC to schedule an in-person workshop, webinar, or teleconference to provide this input
- Recommendations will be drafted by this SSC subgroup for review by the full SSC prior to distribution to the AFSC

B1 Ecosystem Workshop Report

- Kudos for excellent workshop and report
- Workshop was well attended by a wide variety of stakeholders; breakout sessions provided opportunities to hear many voices
- The SSC was pleased to see attention paid to traditional and local knowledge
- Both quantitative and qualitative data can broaden our understanding of the ecosystem and directly benefit stock assessments



B1 SSC Recommendations

- A defined entry point for qualitative data into management needs to be identified
- We need to involve people who are better trained in ways of using qualitative data
- Review and integration of ecosystem indicators should be an ongoing activity, as they become available
- The Council should consider having similar workshops on an annual or biennial basis. Future workshops could focus on:
 - **Ecosystem indicators** and their use as early warning signs
 - **Shifting stock distributions**, which considers ongoing changes occurring in the ecosystem that affect communities

