FishSCORE2030 Workshop: Approaches to Climate Resilient Fisheries

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Fisheries Strategies for Changing Oceans and Resilient Ecosystems by 2030 (FishScore2030) is a project led by GMRI staff that is affiliated with the UN FAO Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (Fisheries Strategies for Changing Oceans and Resilient Ecosystems by 2030 (FishSCORE2030) - Gulf of Maine Research Institute).

The purpose of this workshop was to exchange information on efforts to build resilience, identify barriers, challenges and strategies, develop a roadmap for moving from assessment to action and synthesize experiences around the globe. I was invited by the workshop organizers to contribute a North Pacific perspective, not as a formal representative of the Council. The workshop was international in scope, with participants from Europe, Asia, Australia, South America and Africa as well as from other North American countries and the FAO.

I presented in two sessions: 1) presenting a talk on the NPFMC process of developing a climate work plan beginning with the CCTF and also describing several of our tools for improving our fishery management resilience and 2) as part of a panel providing feedback on the resilience themes that had been raised during the workshop.

The products from the workshop should become available over the next few months, and are expected to include roadmaps for moving resilience planning into management practices and capturing lessons, insights and priorities across the many entities and regions who were present. There was also a discussion of formalizing an international network of practice to provide ongoing assistance and establishing small working groups to further explore some of the aspects.