

SSPT Homework for September 21st, 2020 meeting

Purpose: This is an informal document to get SSPT members thinking about EDR issues prior to the SSPT meeting and foreshadowing some of the questions that will be asked to maximize the use of our time in the meeting. We welcome public engagement on these topics and hope to hear any thoughts or comments from the public during public testimony or during discussions, as time permits.

Topics to be discussed

The SSPT's ultimate goal related to the current EDR topic is to help the Council identify a range of specific revisions to the EDR programs to consider and any potential changes to the purpose and need statements for each. Prior to the Sept 21st SSPT meeting, we'd like you to consider a draft organizational structure for categorizing those types of changes, begin to brainstorm types of changes to be proposed, and consider a few overarching questions which may help guide some of the recommended changes. At this meeting, we should also highlight topics for additional follow-up with stakeholders.

Steve and Sarah have been thinking about EDR modification within the following categories of "small" and "large" changes, while understanding that outstanding Council motions (included in links below) also includes options to discontinue the GOA trawl EDR or all EDR requirements as well as including consideration of changing the timing of collection (every 2, 3, or 5 years). We're interested in your feedback on this categorization - please consider these categories and think about any other distinctions there may be between the types of potential EDR changes.

a) small(ish) changes such as the issue 1 type removal of audit requirements, eliminating duplicative variables, or minor changes to a variable to make it consistent or reduce burden generally within the scope of the existing P&N;

b) large(ish) changes in survey design, frequency, or scope that may require changes to the existing P&N and would ideally be coordinated across existing EDRs to get somewhat comparable data across each. This would not necessarily mean it's the exact same set of variables, but it could be – or it may involve us suggesting the development of a generic Trawl CV, Trawl CP, and fixed gear CV EDR that would be available for any business to use voluntarily outside of the four mandatory programs.

Please also begin brainstorming some of the small and large changes we may consider. Options may be influenced by stakeholder feedback from the EDR stakeholder discussion (summary report below), previous Council motions on the intentions for EDR (e.g. increased consistency, decreased redundancy with other collections, etc; motions attached below) and previous SSPT meetings (e.g. we had some suggestions in our Nov 2019 minutes; summaries also attached below). Some of these options would be mutually exclusive from each other and some would not be mutually exclusive (we could express that when possible or necessary). We won't analyze these options yet, we'd just suggest them. It would then be up to the Council to define the scope of a future discussion paper/ analysis by selecting options that they would like to see considered in that analysis.

To spur thinking about some of the large-scale changes that could be made to the EDR to improve their utility, we've listed out a few questions for SSPT members to think about ahead of before the meeting. We may use interactive adobe features (short answer questions/ chat boxes/ polling) to engage SSPT members and prompt discussion during the meeting, so please consider your responses prior to the meeting:

- What were your main takeaways or surprising responses from the EDR Workshop?
- What should economic information be used for in the Council process? (e.g. monitoring, explaining, predicting?) At what frequency?
- What are the most compelling pieces of economic information the council should have for decision making?
- How do you feel about organizing the alternative set as no change, small changes, large changes, and eliminate programs?
- Suggestions for specific changes (small or large)?
- What information would be important to follow up with stakeholders about if doing Small changes? Large changes?

Relevant links for EDR changes:

Aug 2020: The [meeting summary](#) from the EDR stakeholder meeting and [e-agenda](#)

Feb 2020: [Initial Review Analysis](#) on EDR changes; [Council motion](#)

Nov 2019: [AFSC EDR Framework paper](#); SSPT [meeting report](#)

May 2019: SSPT [meeting report](#)

April 2019: [Discussion paper](#) on EDR changes; [Council motion](#)