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# SSC ADMIN ISSUES

FEBRUARY 2024



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to all SSC members for serving for another year
  - SSC to elect officers (Executive Session)
- IRA funding update
  - Proposal submitted along lines of December staff report
  - Initial \$375k to support dedicated staff member, June climate workshop
- New Council staff – Katie Latanich
  - IRA funding climate project manager
  - Will present update on Council Climate Scenarios Workshop under D5 on Wednesday



# COUNCIL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROPOSAL

# IRA FUNDING

Council meetings	Dedicat ed staff position	Management policy amendments through a Programmatic EIS	Assessment and climate science amendments
Feb		Council input on structure and alternatives for PEIS, questions for workshop	SSC identifies dynamic reference point or other case studies for SCS8
Apr			SSC scopes contract work needed for sablefish MEY case study
2024 Jun (summer)		<b>Council Climate Scenario Workshop</b> July: Issue Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic EIS	August: SCS 8 national workshop
Oct		Review scoping comments, workshop report, and refine alternatives	Discussion paper on potential for short- and long-term climate resilient adjustments (e.g. reference points, harvest control rules)
Dec			
(Feb)		<b>Council Workshop</b> on LKTK onramp opportunities, to inform PEIS	<b>SSC Workshop</b> to prioritize tools and procedures for FMP and non-FMP changes, and to develop an implementation workplan
2025 Apr		Draft PEIS	
Jun			
Oct			
Dec		Final PEIS; Council adopts revised management policy and objectives	SSC and Council implement initial non-FMP amendment changes to groundfish harvest specifications process
(Feb)		<b>Council Workshop</b> for future actions to further implement policy	
2026 Apr		Council develops workplan and initiates action for next steps	SSC and Council implement initial non-FMP amendment changes to BSAI crab harvest specifications process
Jun			
Oct	Tentative - Initial review(s)		
Dec			
2027		Tentative - Final action(s)	Initial/Final Review of FMP analyses for harvest specification adjustments

# OTHER UPDATES

- FYI - research update for Council during B1 on benthic habitat impacts
  - Dr. Brad Harris and Dr. Craig Rose
- Future change to Council meeting schedule – no February meeting
  - February 2025 – no regular meeting needed; NSRKC assessment will be prepared for review in Dec 2024
  - BUT... please keep the 2025 dates free: potential for IRA-funded SSC workshop during that timeframe
- SSC concerns about Economic/Social Science data in specifications process
  - Staff work underway to evaluate what information is available/ possible
  - Original plan was or April SSC discussion; may need to postpone. Consider SSC subgroup meeting over the summer?





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM AFSC REPORT

# MISCELLANEOUS

- Questions on travel claims? Contact [nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov)
- Feedback always appreciated!
  - Contact [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov)



# SSC MEMBER AGENDA ITEM ASSOCIATIONS

- Members to acknowledge any direct associations with SSC agenda items and/or financial conflicts of interest.
- SSC report timing

