

SSC IV discussion on potential topics for next workshop

Several possible topics were suggested for the next National SSC Workshop including: Council and SSC communications; forage fish; stock-rebuilding analysis and results; evaluation of risk and uncertainty; spatial management; and transition to EBFM. One participant suggested that a transition strategy to full EBFM is needed, and management of forage fish might be a good first step.

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Integration of habitat into management could be nested within a larger discussion about spatial management. In fact, several of the proposed topics (EBFM, risk/uncertainty, rebuilding) have dimensions related to spatial management as well. So that could be a good theme through which we could touch upon multiple topics of interest.

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- 1) Data poor methods - this continues to be a topic of interest to us, particularly for innovative strategies (science and management) for dealing with them
- 2) dealing with risk and uncertainty (including considerations of climate variability and change)
- 3) incorporating ecosystem information into stock assessments and advancing incorporation of economic information (particularly non-market aspects) into analyses
- 4) spatial assessment and management
- 5) how to deal with time varying parameters in stock assessment

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Integrating habitat (offshore wind in the NE, abandoned oil rigs in the GOM, etc.) and climate change (temperature regime shifts, sea level rise, ocean acidification, etc.) impacts into fishery management advice.

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- 1) Evaluation of risk and uncertainty, specifically approaches taken to incorporate scientific uncertainty into the setting of ABC
- 2) Transitioning to EBFM. The Gulf has lagged behind some other regions in this respect, but Gulf SSC members are interested in seeing other models as well as learning how other regions incorporate socio-economic data and analysis and human dimensions into EBFM.
- 3) Other topics discussed: indicator assessments for minor or data poor stocks; timeliness and accuracy of fishery-dependent data collection