



Equity and Environmental Justice Working Group

Council Coordination Committee
October 17, 2024



Direction from the CCC

- At its May 2024 meeting, the WG requested direction from the CCC on themes, goals, and obj to address EEJ through a National Workshop in Summer 2025
 - In response NEFMC and CFMC agreed to plan the National Workshop. Further directed the WG to convene a steering committee for the workshop that will include Council staff from WPRFMC and CFMC
- September - October 2024, the WG designated POCs for different aspects of the workshop (i.e., Objectives, Agenda, Participants, Budget)

Proposed Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

The workshop will develop recommendations to the CCC for CCC principles and best practices for EEJ considerations in Council processes in light of the NOAA Fisheries EEJ Strategy.

Objectives

1. Develop a common vision and approach among Councils that will improve and accelerate EEJ in fisheries management. (National)
2. Foster a collective and ongoing conversation among the Councils regarding EEJ in fisheries management. (National/Regional)
3. Identify gaps in Council processes and products that could benefit from EEJ considerations. (National/Regional)
4. Discover systematic, national and regional solutions to apply EEJ by expanding the Councils' understanding of EEJ and incorporating outside perspectives and how they relate to fisheries management. (National/Regional)

Agenda Design

Potential themes include: Climate Change, Integrating TEK and community consultation, non-traditional markets, international RFMOs

Regional → National: Scan, focus and Act Workshop Model

1. **Day One:** Customary welcome from host region (e.g., dance, blessing, land acknowledgement), Introduce the problem, share regional context
 - a. Regional breakout groups identify their priorities, current gaps, and best practices in fisheries management.
2. **Day Two:** deep exploration of the issue- the driving forces, barriers, and to model different approaches.
 - a. Cross-cutting breakout groups focusing on
 - i. The big picture of current gaps in Council processes and products (fishbone diagram).
 - ii. Existing fishery management mechanisms, policy and procedure pathways (contingency diagram).
 - iii. Developing a set of actions to improve a situation (force field analysis).
3. **Day Three:** Develop national and regional solutions and recommendations for EEJ principles and best practices to the CCC, developing a vision of the future for this space.
 - a. Break out sessions developing national solutions and recommendations
 - b. Break out sessions by region developing region-specific solutions and recommendations
 - c. Synthesis and next steps

Other Consideration

Steering Committee

1. WPFMC - Zach Yamada, Chair
2. CFMC - Graciela Garcia-Moliner
3. PFMC - Angela Foristall, Katrina Bernaus
4. NEFMC - Rachel Feeney
5. MAFMC - Jose Montanez
6. GMFMC - Max Birdsong
7. SAFMC - Christina Wiegand
8. NPFMC - Kate Haapala
9. NOAA/NMFS - TBD

Logistical Considerations

1. Facilitation, identified via a public RFP
2. Location - Oregon, Hawai'i, Caribbean
3. Participation
 - a. Option A - Smaller event with Council and NOAA staff (30-40 people)
 - b. Option B - Larger event with Council and NOAA staff, SSC social scientists, Council members, stakeholders (60-80 people)
 - c. Broadcast via a listen-only webinar
4. Budget
 - a. Varies based on continent vs island, event size
 - b. Need to identify funding commitments