THE COUNCIL’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. SUPPORT QUALITY RESEARCH and obtain the most complete scientific information available to assess and manage fisheries;

2. PROMOTE AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH in fisheries management, including reducing waste in fisheries and minimizing impacts on marine habitat and impacts on protected species;

3. CONDUCT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH to foster good stewardship principles and broad and direct public participation in the Council’s decision making process;

4. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE of island cultures and traditional fishing practices in managing fishery resources and foster opportunities for participation;

5. PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE fishing and the utilization of sustainable fisheries that provide long term economic growth and stability;

6. PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION to manage domestic and international fisheries and;

7. ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES and methods to achieve the most effective level of monitoring, control and surveillance and to ensure safety at sea.

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