

# CCC meeting highlights

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# Endangered Species Act/Magnuson Stevens Act

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## Motion:

CCC recommends that NMFS incorporate the minor revisions to the ESA-MSA Policy Directive identified by the CCC Working Group. With minor revisions being accepted, the CCC endorses the agency revision to the Policy Directive.

Yes - All

# Area Based Management

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## Motion:

I move to request that the CCC be directly involved in any process for evaluating Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs) that were developed by the fishery management councils, pursuant to the IUCN/FAO guidelines for international reporting of OECMs.

Yes - All

# Items

## 1. Confidentiality rule

Rule needs closer look to provide flexibility on its implementation to avoid affecting fisheries across the nations; e.g., Alaska fisheries

## 2. NEPA

Final rule published in May 2024 and the NEPA WG will meet before October to address the development of the guidance to implement NEPA regulations

## 3. Sanctuary Regulations and Guidance

Involve councils in decision-making process in sanctuaries

## 4. Budget

Council EDs will meet to develop strategies to better implement the budget and justify increases in budget petitions for the future.

## 5. Anti harassment

EDs will meet again to adopt best practices and seek funding for further training with NOAA fisheries.

# Upcoming events

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**National SCS 8 2024** | Boston, Massachusetts

**CMOD** | 2025 Vancouver, Washington

**EEJ National Workshop** | summer 2025

**MSA 50-year Anniversary Update** | TBD 2026