

Operational Guidelines Project

- Background and History
- Progress To Date
- Next Steps

Background

- Jan. 16, 2013 OIG Report: Recommended “finalizing the draft Operational Guidelines”
- Feb. 2013: CCC convened a Subcommittee to assist with implementation of OIG Recommendations
- Apr. 2013: NOAA submitted “Action Plan”
- May 2013: Discussed Action Plan and circulated discussion paper at CCC meeting

Action Plan

- NMFS noted significant changes and law since the 2005 draft OGs
- Rather than finalize 2005 Draft, NMFS planed to work with regions and councils to review and assess more recent experiences, identify best practices, and identify areas for improvement
- Target dates for completion:
 - Feb. 2014: Review draft assessment and options with CCC
 - Feb. 2015: Provide new draft OGs to CCC for review
 - Sept. 2015: Issue Final OGs

Discussion Paper and Objectives

- Spring 2013, NMFS prepared a discussion paper and survey describing the approaches use in the 1997 and 2005 document
- Solicited input at May 2013 CCC meeting
- NMFS worked with CCC Subcommittee to identify objectives and alternatives

Summer and Fall 2013 Progress

Summary of Objectives:

- Promote the quality of outcomes and products; avoid unexpected outcomes and litigation loss.
- Promote a timely, effective, and transparent public process:
 - Simplify and speed the flow of work
 - Achieve appropriate standardization
 - Increase transparency
 - Description of the Process
 - Accessibility
 - Tracking and Accountability

Draft Decision Matrix: How to achieve these objectives

Next Steps

Questions/CCC Input

Staff to Develop Draft