

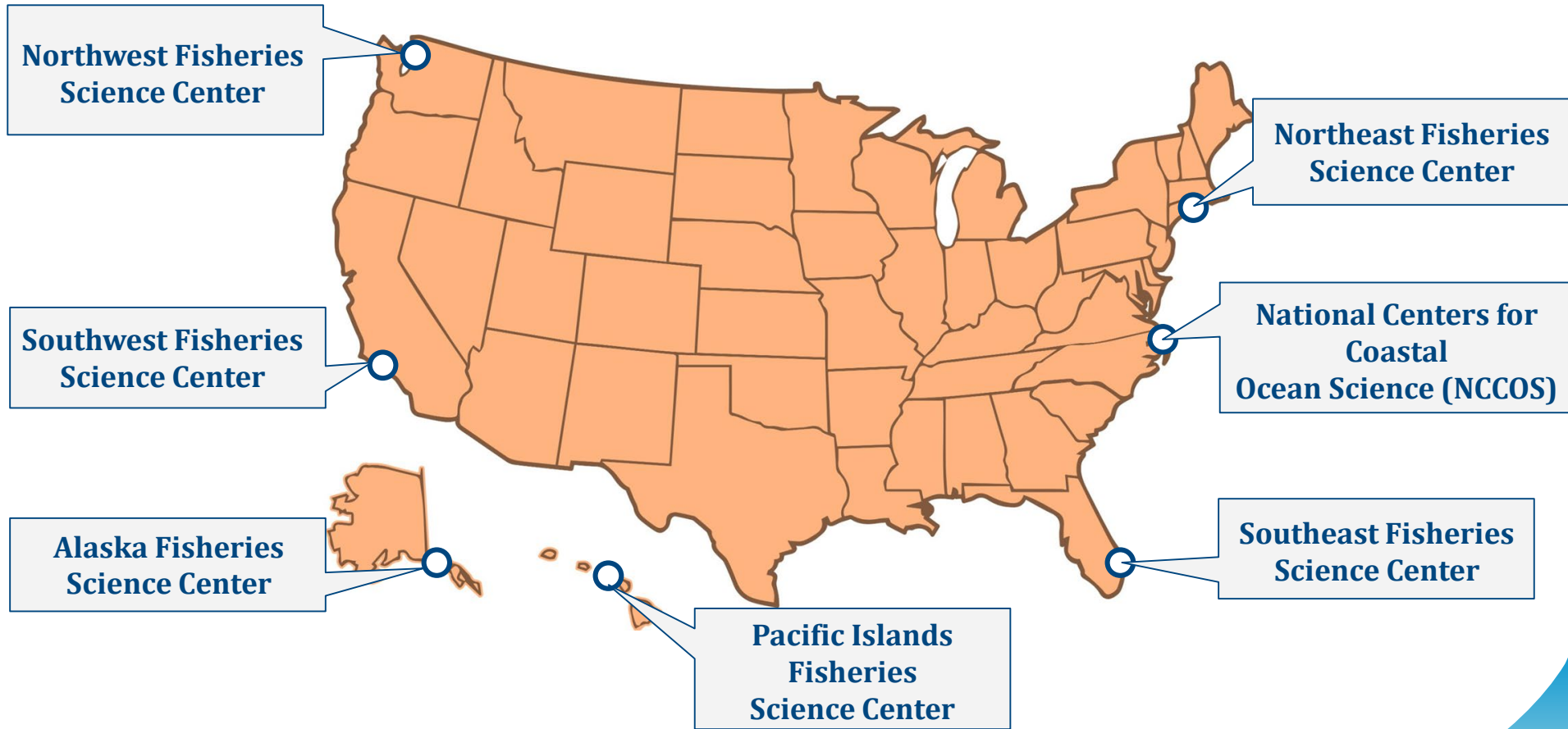
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Science to Support Aquaculture Opportunity Areas

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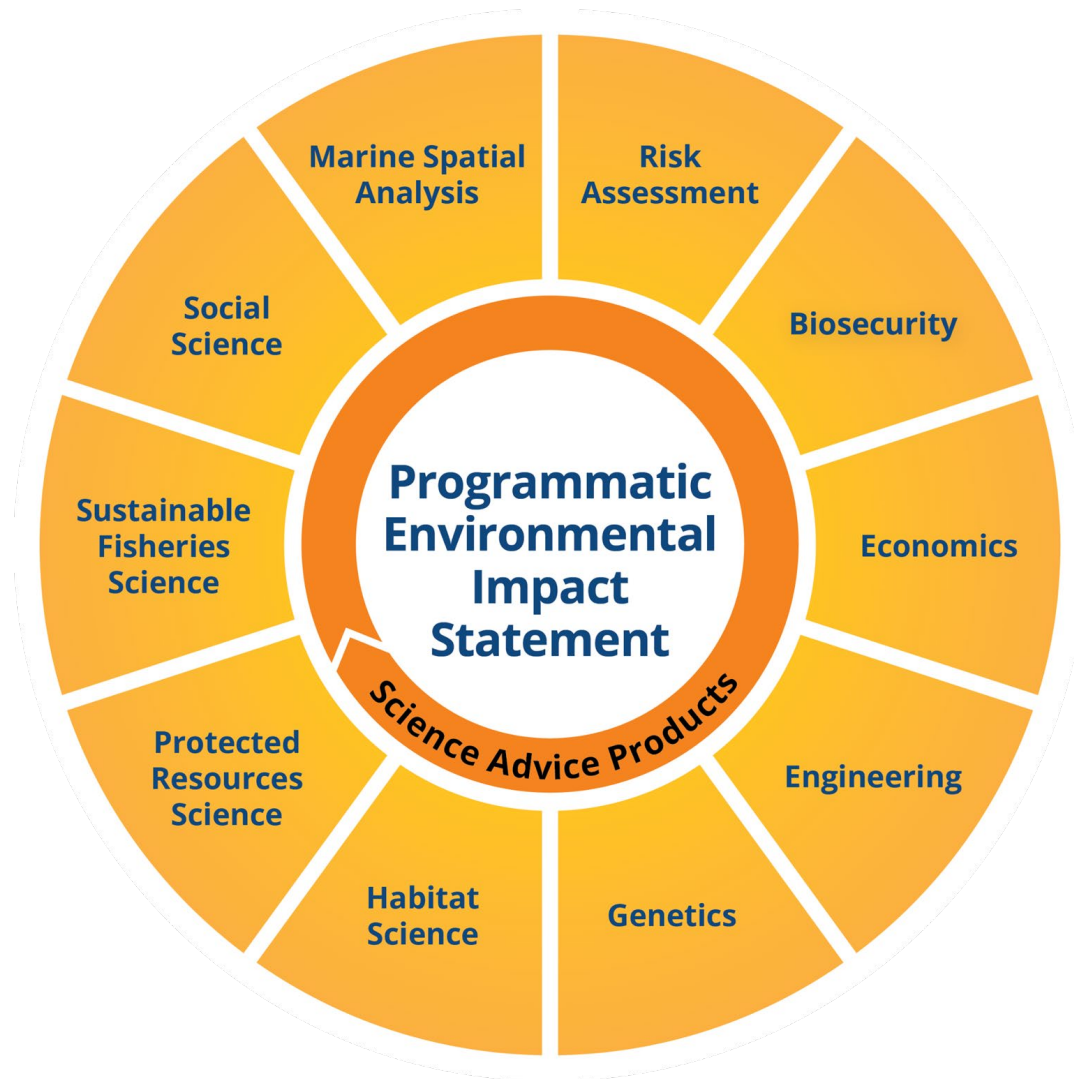
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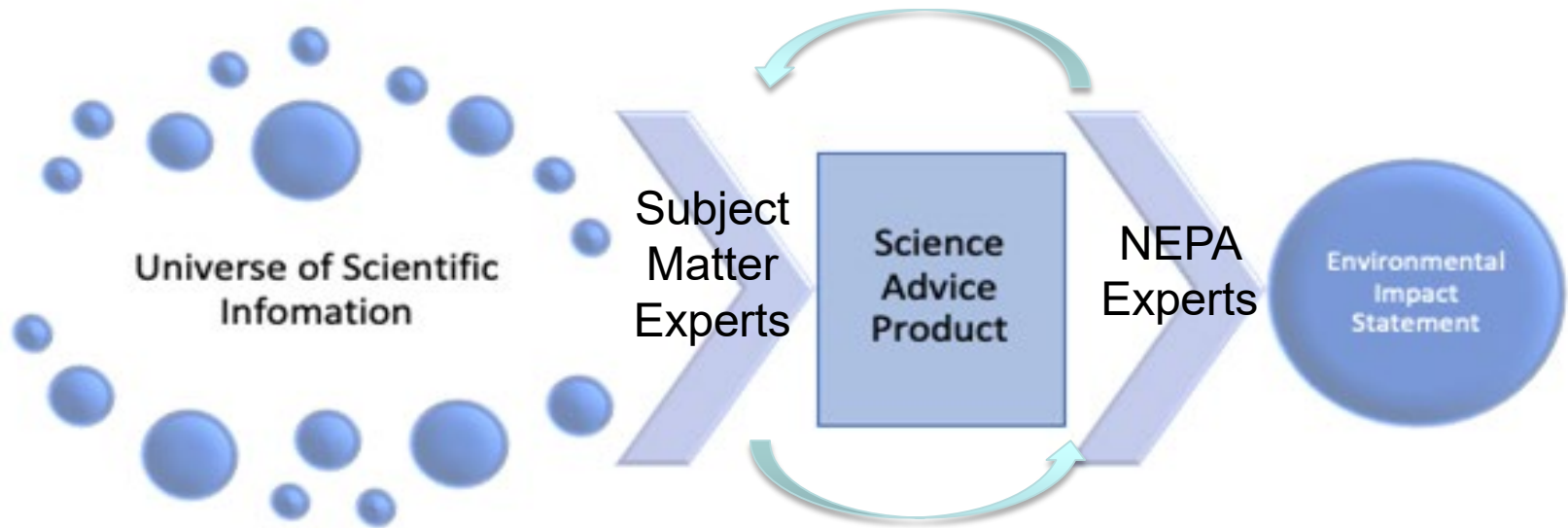


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Science for AOA's Capabilities



A collaborative 'Science Advice' model



What is 'science advice'?

Subject Matter Expert Consultation

Annotated Bibliography

Model Runs

BMP Guidance

Models

Risk Assessments



Nimble Response

Less Depth of Information

Lengthier Development

Greater Depth of Information

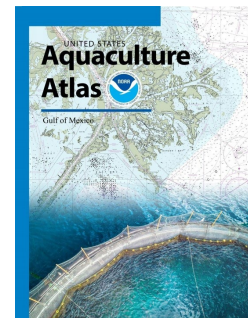
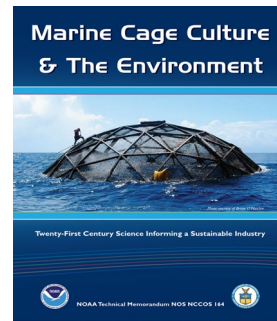
National Capital Region
Assessment of the risk to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon due to IHNV on Atlantic Salmon farms in the Discovery Islands

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|--------------------|---------------|---|-------|----------|-------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Likelihood | Expected | | | | | | | | |
| | Very likely | | | | | | | | |
| | Likely | | | | | | | | |
| | Unlikely | | | | | | | | |
| | Very unlikely | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely unlikely | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Major | Severe | Extreme | | |
| | | Consequences to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon abundance | | | | | | | |

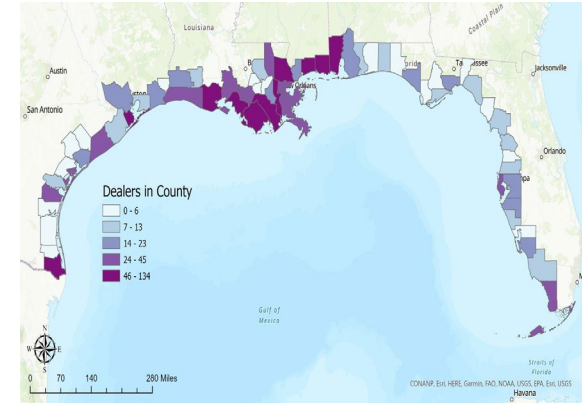
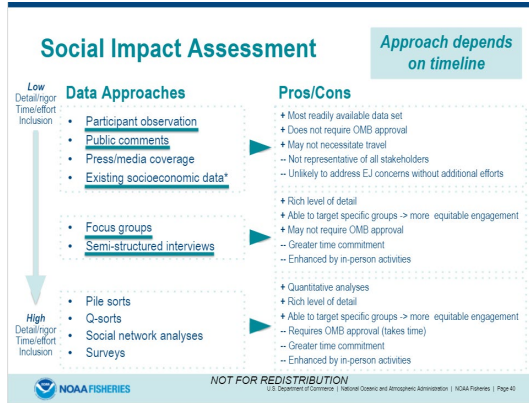
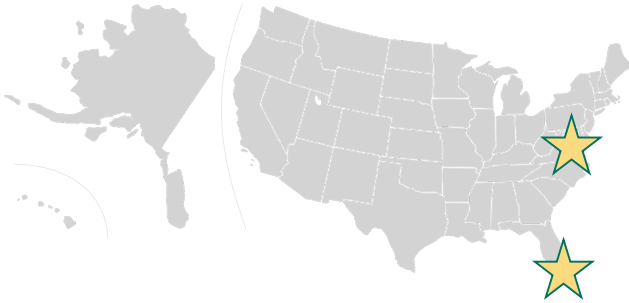
Figure 9. Risk matrix for combining the results of the likelihood and consequence to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon abundance assessments in which green, yellow and red, respectively, represent minimal, moderate and high risks. The X indicates the outcome of the analysis.

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|--------------------|---------------|---|-------|----------|-------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Likelihood | Expected | | | | | | | | |
| | Very likely | | | | | | | | |
| | Likely | | | | | | | | |
| | Unlikely | | | | | | | | |
| | Very unlikely | | | | | | | | |
| Extremely unlikely | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Major | Severe | Extreme | | |
| | | Consequences to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon diversity | | | | | | | |

Figure 10. Risk matrix for combining the outputs of the likelihood and consequence to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon diversity assessments in which green, yellow and red, respectively, represent minimal, moderate and high risks. The X indicates the outcome of the analysis.



Social Science



Position: Aquaculture Social Scientist
(Contractor)

Location: Social Science Research Group, Southeast Fisheries Science Center

Objectives: Strengthen aquaculture social science analytical capacity

Project: Advancing socioeconomic indicators for aquaculture in the Gulf

Location: National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Oxford Lab

Objectives: Apply meaningful socioeconomic spatial indicators to support AOA identification and characterization

Economics

AOA Socioeconomics



Demographics

- Total population
- Population density
- Median age
- Education
- Median income
- Income below poverty level
- Social connectedness
- Housing burden
- Rural housing
- Gentrification



Working Waterfronts

- Shoreline protection
- Seafood dealers
- Seafood-related businesses
- Fish processors
- Boat ramps and marinas



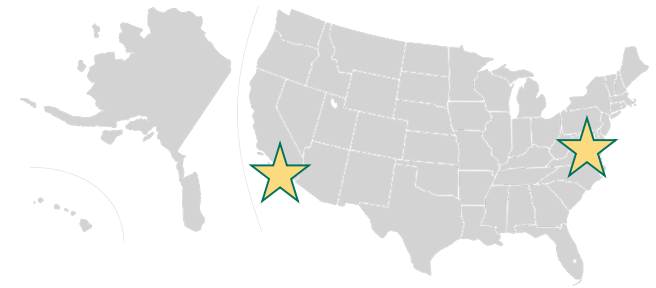
Economics

- Unemployment
- Ocean job diversity
- Ocean economy GDP
- Ocean economy employment
- Ocean economy wages
- Ocean economy workers



Fishing Activity

- Commercial reliance
- Commercial engagement
- Recreational reliance
- Recreational engagement
- Vessels fishing
- Motorboat registrations
- Recreational fishing licenses
- Boating safety



Project: A framework to improve socioeconomic impact modeling in the Gulf of Mexico

Location: Social Science Research Group, Southeast Fisheries Science Center

Objectives: Strengthen socioeconomic modeling capacity

Position: Aquaculture Economist (Contractor)

Location: Economics and Social Science Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center

Objectives: Strengthen aquaculture economic analysis capacity



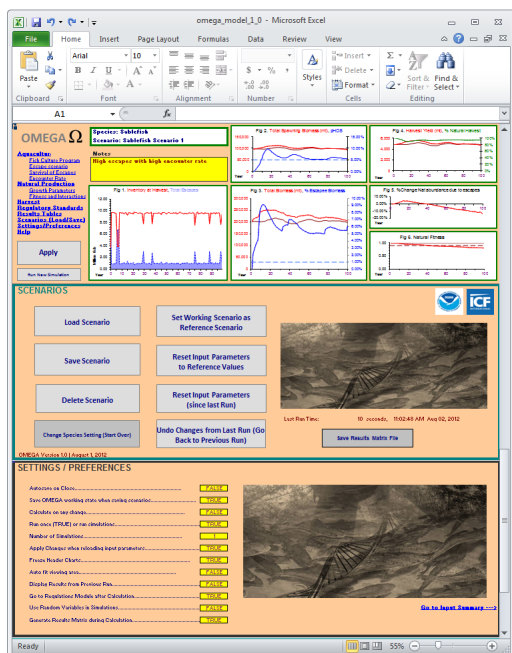
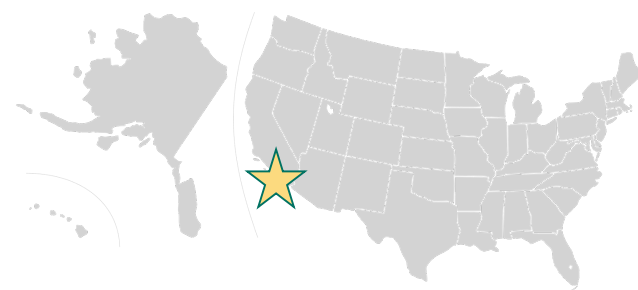
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Genetic Risks

Position: Genetic Risks Expertise
(Contractor)

Location: Southwest Fisheries
Science Center

Objective: Strengthen genetic risks
capacity



Project: Advancing and applying the
Offshore Aquaculture Escapes
Genetics Assessment (OMEGA) model

Location: Southwest Fisheries
Science Center

Objectives:

- Expand ability to estimate escape risks,
- Extend model to include other species of cultivation interest (i.e., seaweeds)

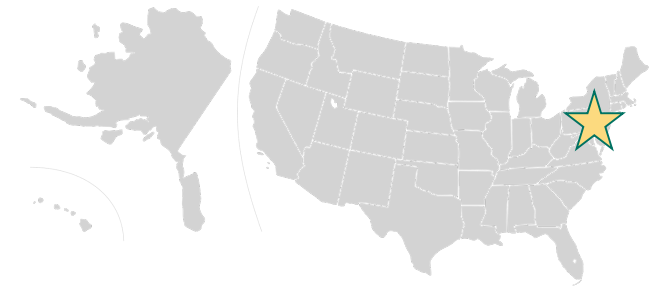


Engineering

Position: Aquaculture Engineer
(Contractor)

Location: Northeast Fisheries Science
Center

Objective: Strengthen aquaculture
engineering capacity



Project/Team: Aquaculture
Engineering Guidelines

Location: Northeast Fisheries Science
Center + Nationally

Objectives:

- Establish advisory team
- Develop guidelines framework
- Map path forward for guidelines development
- Operationalize guidelines

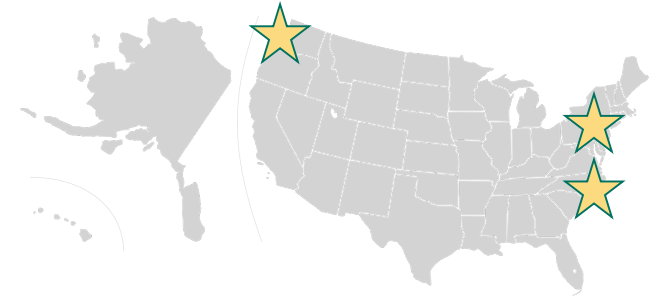
Disease and Biosecurity

Team: Disease and Biosecurity
'Distributed Team'

Location: NWFSC/NEFSC/IASI

Objectives:

- Assess potential disease impacts
- Identify biosecurity practices
- Evaluate seafood safety considerations

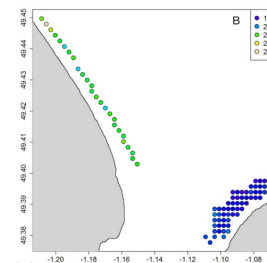
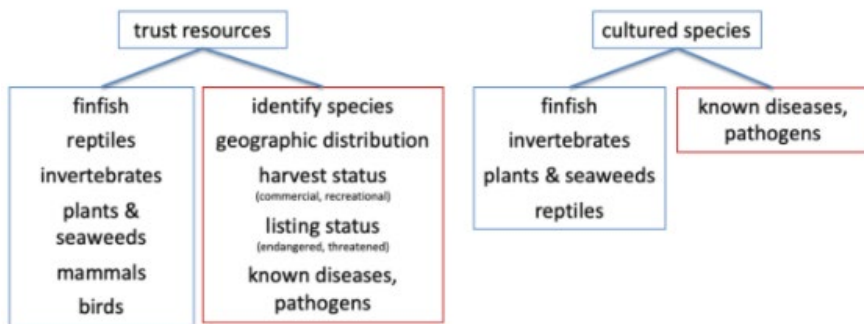


Project: Advancing aquaculture
disease modeling

Location: NEFSC, NCCOS and other partners

Objectives: Build 'ocean epidemiology' capacity

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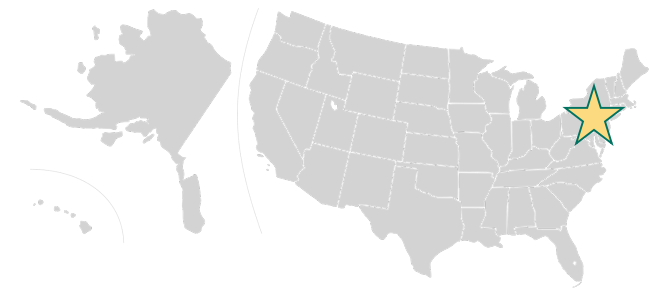
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Risk Assessment

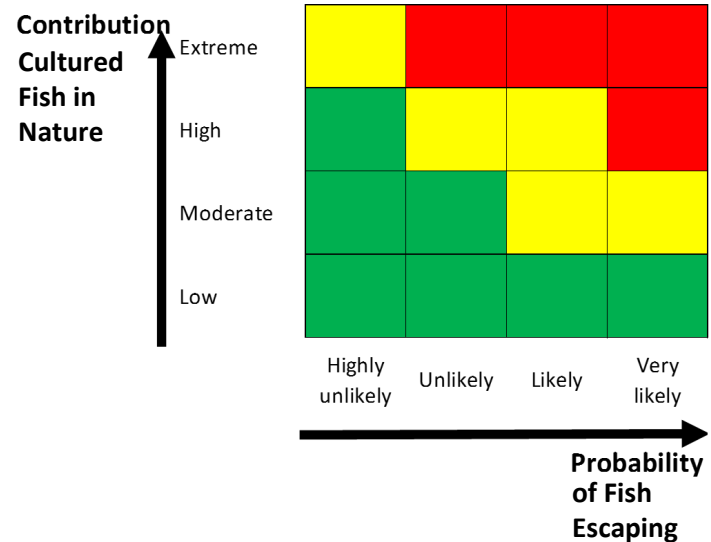
Position: Risk Assessment
Specialist (Contractor)

Location: Northeast Fisheries
Science Center

Objectives: Provide a consistent
risk-based framework for science
advice teams



Example of an Risk Matrix





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