

July 17, 2023 Council Coordination Committee Special Meeting
Inflation Reduction Act Funding Discussion

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Transcript:

- 1 "Morgan Corey" The record is running.
- 2 "Morgan Corey" Tom, I think we can get started when we're ready.
- 3 "Morgan Corey" Oh, I know we're waiting for Evan to join.
- 4 "Tom Frazer" Okay, maybe we can wait just 2 minutes revenue. Okay.
- 5 "Tom Frazer" The system.
- 6 "Mary Bhuthimethee" Apparently, I joined the panelists instead of.
- 7 "Mary Bhuthimethee" That link try to look for the other link.
- 8 "Mary Bhuthimethee" Good.

9 "Evan Howell" Can you hear me? We can yeah.

10 "Tom Frazer" All right.

11 "Tom Frazer" You might want to new tech computer otherwise you'll hear me.

12 "Tom Frazer" He's a headset.

13 "Tom Frazer" On a. B. C. okay. Okay.

14 "Tom Frazer" Yeah, all right guys thanks to everybody for joining us we're gonna have this brief meeting really to discuss the inflation reduction funding.

15 "Tom Frazer" The agenda is relatively short, with 2 items. We're 1st, going to get a presentation from Evan.

16 "Tom Frazer" How as it relates to the data acquisition and management funny and climate ecosystems and fisheries initiative funding we'll have a short Q and a, after that.

17 "Tom Frazer" And then we'll follow it up with a regional fiduciary management councils funding by Kelly and again followed by a Q and a session at that point after that. We'll have a public comment and then we'll close the meeting.

18 "Tom Frazer" So, again, it's only an hour and a half. It's pretty short we're going to kind of forego the traditional introductions and who's all on the committee meeting.

19 "Tom Frazer" We'll capture the attendees from the participant list on the computer.

20 "Tom Frazer" And make sure that we know who is here and we'll take notes as well. So, I think with all of that said, Kelly, just to keep this or Evan actually, I think Evan is next on the list. If you want to go ahead and start the presentation, we'll go with, you.

21 "Evan Howell" Okay, thanks. I think Morgan, if you were able to help me with the slides, that would be great.

22 "Evan Howell" Just want to say, Hello um, you know, I think we're happy to be here today 1, uh, to be able to share information and to just happy that we're finally done the process.

23 "Evan Howell" Of going through all the IRA planning, and now we're getting to the point where we can really start talking about potential execution partnering and getting some real work done and making some progress on some major goals for the organization.

24 "Evan Howell" I'm sorry.

25 "Evan Howell" Get rid of that. Okay, so I just want to start out giving you an overview of the inflation reduction spending that we are getting within fisheries. I'm going to go through several of the components give you some detail on the high level planning.

26 "Evan Howell" There'll be time for questions later, I believe, and then I can answer anything either now, or in days to come.

27 "Evan Howell" And then turning it over to Kelly for some more detail and some of the IRA work that I won't be covering.

28 "Evan Howell" Morgan, if you don't mind going to the next slide what I wanted to do, was go through today. Just just giving you an example of what I'm going to cover is down in the blue sort of the bottom line up front.

29 "Evan Howell" But, ultimately, NOAA fisheries is getting about 1.2 billion dollars, total through a few different sub components for inflation reduction act spending.

30 "Evan Howell" The main component that I'm going to talk about today is our climate ready fisheries, which we had labeled as buckets, twice bucket 1. but this does represent a 349 million dollar component. three hundred and forty nine million dollar component

31 "Evan Howell" Of our fisheries IRA planning that we have.

32 "Evan Howell" And, um, the 2 sponsors on this overall bucket are myself and she finds the Pfizer Cisco Warner at being the 2 National people on the IRA planning and execution development.

33 "Evan Howell" So there are other buckets here you will hear about some of these where we can provide information later on some of these other buckets. But again, I'm going to cover this once in blue. And what I'll be doing is diving a little bit more in the detail on these in sort of a short.

34 "Evan Howell" Presentation so Morgan, if you can go to the next 1, please. So, if you go to the next slide, um, what you can see clearly is that you've got within that 349 million dollars, we've broken it down further. Really? That's for us to be able to assign leadership.

35 "Evan Howell" be able to assign leadership

36 "Evan Howell" Um, to these components and start getting the execution going, we had a period of time.

37 "Evan Howell" Where we were sort of still in development of the, the spend plan proposals, and we were unable to speak with anybody, even within the fishery service, it really was close.

38 "Evan Howell" Hold things were very vibrant, and it wasn't until recently, and we had the public communication of IRA that we were really able to start planning even internally.

39 "Evan Howell" So, for us when I, when I present this stuff, what I want you to feel is that we went through. We've got the proposal, we're very solid on the intent in these buckets and we have the leadership and coordination.

40 "Evan Howell" Um, set in these components, we're starting the execution planning now, meaning that for each of these, and I'll go through with some detail in the next couple of slides, we have an intent for what we promised. Really? Congress.

41 "Evan Howell" That we would use to spend the money for and again, climate ready. Fisheries is the outcome.

42 "Evan Howell" We have this money in IRA. Each of these buckets has a number associated with it.

43 "Evan Howell" All of these funds have to be obligated by September 30th. 2026. so we've got a limited window of time to build the execution model.

44 "Evan Howell" We're looking at taking the rest of our fiscal year through, at least September, if not even a little bit more to truly build out these execution models. build out these execution models

45 "Evan Howell" To get us towards in a lot of this effective science and science to management and management to really help us transition into this climate ready fishery state by the end of 2026.

46 "Evan Howell" The main buckets that I want to describe, and I'm going to start at the top left and go down there in acronyms and I'll explain those out, but I'll leave them because, you know, it's easier to read.

47 "Evan Howell" So, our, and is actually essential data acquisition and advanced technology. This is the biggest bucket that we have in our 349 dollars 1Million proposal.

48 "Evan Howell" The sub component lead working with Chris with Cisco, and I is Kristen, the director of the Southwest science center, and we also had Tia brown working with her.

49 "Evan Howell" Tia is the deputy director of the Pacific, artificial science center, and we are working with Charles, letting him know that he's on. I'm not sure that he will take over the role had, but we are working closely with Christian to develop this bucket. The 2 main parts of this essential data acquisition.

50 "Evan Howell" These are funds that we have. funds that we have

51 "Evan Howell" Planned out now to really ensure that we get priority survey on the water work done.

52 "Evan Howell" Over the next 3 years, we know that we don't have enough to get all of the, the survey observations done in a traditional sense. This is money in that part of the bucket.

53 "Evan Howell" That is going towards that it's establishing charters. It's cooperative research. It's getting all of that funding out to where it needs to go for the essential data acquisition for the priority data that we need to acquire.

54 "Evan Howell" The plan that we put together is very highly influenced by the next generation data acquisition plan, which we are finalizing.

55 "Evan Howell" And what we are releasing probably within the next month month and a half but the internal results from that activity, which a lot of people in councils. And the public are involved in really helped influence what we planned out not just for the essential data acquisition.

56 "Evan Howell" But really for the advanced technology investments, this bucket is a transformational bucket in our opinion, because it gets us beyond.

57 "Evan Howell" Looking at how to just mitigate the real time traditional as the observations we need to do with incorporating novel advanced technologies to both augment.

58 "Evan Howell" Create, and then maybe even replace some of the traditional based information collection and acquisition that we do. So we've got 7 strategic initiatives that we're running.

59 "Evan Howell" Each of those has an established lead 4 things such as remote sensing.

60 "Evan Howell" Passive acoustics, active acoustics, optical systems and a couple of others and another 1.

61 "Evan Howell" so those are all strategic initiatives that either we haven't in progress in a research sense where we know that we need to invest in based on that next generation data acquisition planning.

62 "Evan Howell" We are making substantial investments in these strategic initiatives led by the experts in their field.

63 "Evan Howell" For them to come together and right now they're working on developing execution proposals for how they're going to get these strategic initiatives from research to operations over the next 3 years. That's their current plan.

64 "Evan Howell" And they're working with people both inside and outside the agency.

65 "Evan Howell" To get these execution plans together. We're getting a 1st draft probably in a month.

66 "Evan Howell" But it's gonna take them at least 2 to 3 months to put these plans together. They're working with our names science board, which is the level science leadership in the agency.

67 "Evan Howell" As well, as working closely with the rest of the folks in our leadership Council, which is all of the SCS and office directors to make sure that these strategic initiatives.

68 "Evan Howell" Will come out with results and we can effectively use in management to do that. It means that we have conversations with management upfront.

69 "Evan Howell" So again, central data acquisition, mitigation in real time, advanced technologies, investments and things that we know we need to do.

70 "Evan Howell" Diverse supplier asks you portfolio that's a major investment for us in our.

71 "Evan Howell" If I go to the next bucket down, that's the climate and ecosystems fisheries initiative or hopefully a lot of people in the council space will know of this already from presentations. That Dr Warner and others have made about.

72 "Evan Howell" There's 40Million dollars that we're investing in this 20Million of this is going to and for modeling components modeling is a core foundational aspect of what CFI is built on without that climate model output.

73 "Evan Howell" We cannot take the analysis and take the products and do analysis and provide information to management. There is a 20Million dollar investment in and right now. and right now

74 "Evan Howell" (1214430464)
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We are going through that work to do the, the execution planning for who we are going to hire.

75 "Evan Howell" For new capacity to help with the analysis of those model based products, and I've got some details in the next page. We also have a component, um, modernizing data. This is actually modernizing data, modernizing models and modernizing manage.

76 "Evan Howell" 1Million dollar investment 20Million dollars roughly is invested towards the modernization of fishery dependent.

77 "Evan Howell" Data streams in our agency, so it is, it's an investment that we're making right now. We're using our fisheries information system. The program when the Fisher is to help us develop a modernization strategy.

78 "Evan Howell" For the Fisher dependent streams within our, our center.

79 "Evan Howell" We are also working on doing modernization of the stock assessment models and ecosystem models. So we're talking with doctors, Jason link and Rick, a thought on those plans.

80 "Evan Howell" We also have 10Million dollars invested towards the offices state of fisheries for their ability to go through and modernize their systems to get to modernize management components to get the client ready fisheries as well as 10Million going to the office of protected resources.

81 "Evan Howell" protected resources

82 "Evan Howell" For their ability to do their climate planning towards climate, ready, fisheries, and more technical resources management.

83 "Evan Howell" The sub component leaves, I've got the dimension on or David from the office of science technology and Dr Cisco were.

84 "Evan Howell" For modernizing data we have from the office of science technology and Nancy Michelle, and the fisheries.

85 "Evan Howell" Our lead, that's not listed here, but our lead for the offices sustainable fisheries. Money is Kelly done it and for is Kim Damon. Randall.

86 "Evan Howell" We also have another component for red snap for 20Million dollars.

87 "Evan Howell" Um, and I've got a little bit of detail the next 2 slides so I'll, I'll go through these a little faster and go to the detail there. We have clay porch working with Richard Cody of office, science technology, leading the efforts on our red snapper.

88 "Evan Howell" We also have an 82Million dollar investment into North Atlantic right? Whales.

89 "Evan Howell" And a 42Million dollar investment in specific salmon.

90 "Evan Howell" What you'll see highlighted here is that Kelly, I think you're going to talk through a 20 dollars 1Million investment to the councils today.

91 "Evan Howell" That's something that I know is of interest. This is not the only investment where we are looking to partner.

92 "Evan Howell" With councils and management in our science product development, but this is a main investment just for the councils to help with some of the work that we need to do with the IRA and we also have a 22 dollars 1Million administrative overhead that was given to fisheries. That is being used for budget support.

93 "Evan Howell" support

94 "Evan Howell" Coordination support for each of these components.

95 "Evan Howell" As well, as other administrative overhead that we do not then have to cover out of these buckets that can be covered through this admin overhead. And so I've already given away a little bit of a plot for at least the essential data acquisition. But Morgan, if we go to the next slide.

96 "Evan Howell" I'll give you some of the high level, um.

97 "Evan Howell" Detailed for what we're looking to achieve from so that just at a very high level again, we're going through the execution planning. Now. We know what we've promised.

98 "Evan Howell" We know what basically we have to do, but we're getting folks to really help us build out the execution strategies for where funding needs to go.

99 "Evan Howell" How we're going to execute and then, of course, creating the metrics of success to ensure that we're getting the science to management partnerships and information flowing for and.

100 "Evan Howell" Uh, again, as I mentioned, we've got to get the mitigation for the essential data. We've got to get the advanced technology adoptions in there, and we want to make sure that we've implemented our protected species climate strategy. So a lot of these things are high level in here.

101 "Evan Howell" I did discuss this a little bit more something to move on. Um, I'm happy to answer questions, but really again, this is for us to get critical data.

102 "Evan Howell" Into the system to make effective and efficient management decisions.

103 "Evan Howell" For modernizing data, um, we want to do quite a few things. 1, is we want to strengthen into not clear data standards and accountability metrics. Again, we're focused on fishery dependent to start.

104 "Evan Howell" Because we, this is the level of scope that we felt was prioritized, and that the money could could afford to get us through. So modernizing this.

105 "Evan Howell" We're going to create clear data standards and accountability metrics for all data.

106 "Evan Howell" Focus also on the fishery dependent to make sure that that can be implemented.

107 "Evan Howell" We're going to scope and implement cloud based solutions for the Fisher, independent data. Again. This is generalizable. We don't have to do this, just for Fisher, independent, but focusing on that allows us to really make impact as well as identify how cloud strategies will work.

108 "Evan Howell" We also have a component in here. It's, it's about a 1.5Million dollar investment. million dollar investment

109 "Evan Howell" To fully enabled open science. This is a 3 year strategic initiative we're doing through open scapes, which is through the Mozilla Foundation. We have Eli homes full time from the Northwest fishery science center.

110 "Evan Howell" Leading leading this effort, which gets us to open science, the ability for people to have a transparent framework for all of the science that they do.

111 "Evan Howell" Working in, get hub and other things we've been doing this with many of the assessments. What we're really looking to do this for all of the science that we do to make sure that we have the best available science and the best available pathways that are transparent in nature. We are also looking to expand this to open data.

112 "Evan Howell" Big part of this modernizing data is to change the data culture and the culture around data and to really elevate the stature of data meaning that you can elevate the stature of publishing data to be commensurate with publishing journal articles to really increase the Providence of data.

113 "Evan Howell" Ensure the pedigree and that we trust our data through all stages of the lifecycle.

114 "Evan Howell" We also want to refine and formalize our operating model for modernization. So, again, we're working through fishery independent. We go through this, this 1st stage with that.

115 "Evan Howell" But again, if we can generalize it, now, we've got really an operating model for how we would modernize other parts of our critical data systems.

116 "Evan Howell" For the climate ecosystem fisheries, the main name school right now, the other goals and access to provide those model grids, the climate grids for the different regions around the country. But for us, it's to create our decision support teams.

117 "Evan Howell" This is the central tenant of what we need to build and fisheries, and we're doing this in 6 different regions.

118 "Evan Howell" Again, these people will be hired in order to provide advice for client, ready, fisheries, protected species and the affected sectors and communities. We've got to hire the experts that I know how to deal with the climate data.

119 "Evan Howell" But also the analysis and working in conjunction with management and council partners to create products in real time to help with effective decision.

120 "Evan Howell" So these are the 3 main and blue. I've got the species specific Morgan. If you don't mind on the next slide. This is actually my last slide.

121 "Evan Howell" So, again, I talked a little bit about these, but just some high level goals.

122 "Evan Howell" For the North Atlantic, right? Whales, they've got a strategic execution plan that's in development. And the 4 main things that they want to achieve, are to increase their ability to model and monitor. So they have a better understanding of presence and abundance.

123 "Evan Howell" They want to use investments in advanced technology to critically reduce.

124 "Evan Howell" The number of vessel strikes, so provide information and capabilities to to increase vessel strike reduction they want to implement and accelerate the implementation of their on demand fishing, or the ruthless roadmap.

125 "Evan Howell" And they're providing support to enforcement to ensure that whatever.

126 "Evan Howell" Rules and regulations and decisions that are in place to help with the dealing with the crisis for North Atlantic right? Where else can be enforced and monitored effectively to make sure that we're doing what we say that we need to do.

127 "Evan Howell" For red snapper, there's 3 main ones that I'll portray today.

128 "Evan Howell" Uh, the 1st, is that because this is red snapper it's not just in the Gulf, but there's a, there's a focus on the Gulf, uh, as well as the Atlantic some capacity, but in the Gulf, they want to have a, there's a large initiative to make the Gulf States, marine,

129 "Evan Howell" fisheries commission and golf in be the clearing house for the regional recreational data. Um, there are state specific surveys. There's a lot of data that needs to be stitched together.

130 "Evan Howell" Really modernizing that golfing system is a priority in this red snapper bucket.

131 "Evan Howell" There's also going to be worked to develop and implement from Mexico, video and acoustic cameras surveys.

132 "Evan Howell" This is really been described a bit as a mini great, great red snap account each year, but trying to incorporate advanced technology.

133 "Evan Howell" Into being able to get to a critical abundance each year.

134 "Evan Howell" And so, again, there's, there's a push in the Gulf of Mexico. There's, there's a lot of effort there. But the idea is that this is not just for the Gulf of Mexico that we would be looking to employ this in all areas, specifically for red snapper.

135 "Evan Howell" But other as well, and then the 3rd, 1 here is that we have to greatly improve our estimation of recreational fishing effort and discards. There is some iron work and the essential data acquisition looking at, in improving the fishing effort survey.

136 "Evan Howell" Fcs.

137 "Evan Howell" Through through the program and the headquarters surveys that is not being funded out of red snapper red snapper is more looking at looking to improve effort through cooperation through different systems in the states as well as getting a better handle on discards in the

138 "Evan Howell" system.

139 "Evan Howell" And then my final bucket is on Pacific salmon, 3 priorities here.

140 "Evan Howell" 1 is to support high priority, science and research at the North Pacific science center and Southwest history, science center.

141 "Evan Howell" Really trying to get to evaluation of habitat restoration and reintroduction strategies as well as doing some critical ecosystem modeling and some ocean ocean lifecycle state modeling to understand how to get to a better reintroduction strategy,

142 "Evan Howell" better survival and then better lifecycle management.

143 "Evan Howell" Also, there's a, a group of funds in the Pacific salmon that will go through the, the Pacific coastal seminar recovery fund process, and establish cooperative instituting agreements through universities to get money out towards prioritized work. They're going outside the fisheries agency.

144 "Evan Howell" So I will stop there. That's.

145 "Evan Howell" My 20 minute summary of everything that's going on at a high level again. I want to leave you with.

146 "Evan Howell" We are still an active development for execution plans. There are promises we made there's been plans that were approved. So we have the high level intent. It's now time to have those conversations to really talk about how we're going to effectively execute to get to the impacts that we're looking for.

147 "Tom Frazer" (3708866304)

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Thank you. All right. I haven't been really appreciate that.

148 "Tom Frazer" I think what we'll do is I'll rely on Morgan to identify hands at this point, and she can introduce those individuals that might have questions.

149 "Morgan Corey" So if anyone has questions or comments, they would like to make please use the raise hand feature and we'll unmute you.

150 "Tom Frazer" All right.

151 "Carrie Simmons" Looks like Carrie. You have a question. Thank you for the presentation. I had a question about the red snapper funding.

152 "Carrie Simmons" For the fishing effort survey well, that include all the Gulf States for all the studies that are currently participating in the program.

153 "Evan Howell" So, 2 part question, thank you, Carrie for, for the fishing effort survey the work that we're planning to do will only, of course.

154 "Evan Howell" Affect the states that have fishing effort, survey activity in those states for the independent effort work that we're looking at.

155 "Evan Howell" We're looking at doing this in the states where we might not have the effort survey where we want to corroborate to ensure that we've got, you know, sort of national survey effort output that is commensurate and we can scale or understand why there are differences between the 2,

156 "Evan Howell" so I'd expect that it's more the latter that 2nd, 1, where we have some of the state specific collaboration studies that we're looking at more inactive discussions there, and we can follow up with you as we, as we do more discussion.

157 "Tom Frazer" So any more hands, Morgan.

158 "Morgan Corey" Yes, I see Doug has a hand up and I'm unmuting you now Doug.

159 "Tom Frazer" I think you're unmuted, Doug.

160 "Tom Frazer" Yeah.

161 "Tom Frazer" Again looks like Doug. Yeah, he's not. He says he's still needed on his end.

162 "Tom Frazer" Can you hear me now? Yes. Okay great. Yeah.

163 "doug nowacek" Thanks for the presentation and on the right whale projects who couple questions who's administering that that part of it is a Northeast fishery science center.

164 "Evan Howell" Yeah, so Northeast fishery science center is doing it in conjunction with the office of protected resources. So it's John Hare and Kim Damon Randall are the 2 people that were the executive sponsors. And so they're doing a lot of the administering of the funds at this point.

165 "doug nowacek" Okay, and how far along are those.

166 "doug nowacek" Plans the more detailed plans do you know.

167 "Evan Howell" They've got detail to the 4 high level things that I listed here and I think it's far along in that they know what they want to do, but they're in beginning conversations with entities to think about how they're going to do it. How it's going to be executed so I think especially in terms of.

168 "Evan Howell" That's a strike production, they're looking at a couple of potential partners to look at developing that technology, but there's still, if you're asking, if there's still time for discussion I think the other in that discussion phase.

169 "doug nowacek" Yeah. Okay that sounds great. Thank you. Much.

170 "doug nowacek" Hello.

171 "Morgan Corey" We've got Eric Reed with the hand up next.

172 "Tom Frazer" Go ahead Eric. How about now?

173 "Eric Reid" You sure can. Awesome. Thank you, sir. I appreciate the presentation.

174 "Eric Reid" And my question is about a program and, uh.

175 "Eric Reid" In the Northeast affects New England, the mid Atlantic.

176 "Eric Reid" Probably a few others is what bucket or whose pocket is the port side sampling program.

177 "Eric Reid" Is going to be reinstated from that's a critical part of our stock assessment process.

178 "Eric Reid" And right now it's unfunded it's essentially unfunded, so.

179 "Eric Reid" Where's that money going to come from?

180 "Evan Howell" So, the discussion and I think the best way to do is continue those discussions locally and then have John talk with us because I think if I were to fit it into a bucket, I would probably say it makes the most sense and essential data acquisition.

181 "Evan Howell" Whether it's funded directly or indirectly by Ira I think it's a discussion I need to have with John. Meaning that.

182 "Evan Howell" There might be funny coming to John that alleviates some other burden and is able to put some money back and fortunately, but that's not a conversation I've had yet. It's a great question.

183 "Evan Howell" And that's something I'll follow up with John and Mike Pentony.

184 "Eric Reid" All right, I appreciate that, but that is it's a critical program and we're surely missing it so it's affected everything we do so.

185 "Eric Reid" Yeah, I appreciate the fact that you're even considering it so let me know where it's coming from. Please. Thank you. Yeah.

186 "Tom Frazer" While we're waiting for hands, or maybe I can circle back on the red snapper pot a little bit.

187 "Tom Frazer" So,

188 "Tom Frazer" there are 3 bulleted items there on the last 1 had to do and improve estimates of recreational fishing effort and discards and so will the monies that are put forward for that part of

189 "Tom Frazer" it will they be administered by all states, marine fisheries commission and there are 3 parts to this really well, they well, they develop an RFP process for that.

190 "Tom Frazer" And how will you actually engage the councils and kind of the priorities perhaps.

191 "Evan Howell" Yeah, so, I mean, in terms of the, the 3 parts.

192 "Evan Howell" Gulf States, there's not plans right now for an RFP type mechanism yet, but we're talking about we're not at that stage yet I think, for the work that we'd like to do a lot of the effort collaboration would be advanced technology based through their camera based systems.

193 "Evan Howell" Remote sensing, and so we need to develop what that work statement would look like before we even go out. So I think.

194 "Evan Howell" The best thing to do, and this is something again to carry, or we can work on with this.

195 "Evan Howell" He is working with clay ports and Andy. There are the 2.

196 "Evan Howell" Regional entity is working with, um, myself and Richard Cody from my office science technology.

197 "Evan Howell" On the planning, and at this point, we don't have the mechanism ironed out yet and so we're still in those discussion phases. Really we're nailing down what work we want to get done.

198 "Tom Frazer" All right, appreciate that see any other hands out there Morgan.

199 "Tom Frazer" No, no more hands right now. All right so then Kelly, if you want to go ahead and.

200 "Tom Frazer" Uh, give your presentation we'll do that.

201 "Tom Frazer" I think you're on mute Kelly.

202 "Tom Frazer" MORGAN do we have Kelly still.

203 "Morgan Corey" Let's see, Kelly, you should be able to unmute.

204 "Morgan Corey" Was working before we could hear you earlier.

205 "Morgan Corey" Yeah, let's give Kelly a minute to rejoin.

206 "Morgan Corey" Ok, that sorted out,

207 "Kelly Denit" can you hear me now?

208 "Kelly Denit" We sure can bingo where to go Kelly, log off and log back on so much sound check before the call starts.

209 "Kelly Denit" Sorry about that little hiccup folks.

210 "Kelly Denit" Thank you Morgan. Um, so thank you, Evan for that overview. Uh, appreciate.

211 "Kelly Denit" I've been joining us to step through that. I know from our CCC meeting back in May.

212 "Kelly Denit" The councils were really interested in better understanding.

213 "Kelly Denit" Uh, the IRA funds, and in particular, how the IRS ones are gonna be used across our scientific enterprise. So really appreciate and jumping in and giving you all that that overview to tee up this specific conversation around the funding.

214 "Kelly Denit" Uh, that is specific to the councils. Um, so.

215 "Kelly Denit" I will do my best to step through this in as clear a way as I possibly can.

216 "Kelly Denit" Uh, as Evan alluded to this concept of we've identified some overarching goals and some key places we want to get to, and this is, uh,

217 "Kelly Denit" 1 opportunity and our 1st opportunity to talk with you all and get your feedback on some of that direction. And I really appreciate the questions that.

218 "Kelly Denit" The executive director shared with me in advance to help me provide some clarity in this presentation. So, I will try to answer all of those as I go through the PowerPoint slides to the extent that I miss any, obviously the last time for a Q and a, at the end.

219 "Kelly Denit" So, a couple of things to highlight off the bat.

220 "Kelly Denit" Some of which is a little bit. Um, actually, if you could stay on that 1st slide Morgan for me.

221 "Kelly Denit" A couple of things, which are a little bit of a repeat what Evan said, but I want to make sure everyone understands.

222 "Kelly Denit" 1st, the IRA funding is time limited by statute.

223 "Kelly Denit" Um, so, Evan pointed out, all funds have to be obligated by that September 32,026 that is non negotiable.

224 "Kelly Denit" That was 1 of the questions that you all had provided. So I want to make sure it was clear about that.

225 "Kelly Denit" Given that deadline, and the significant investment that Congress has put.

226 "Kelly Denit" In Noaa, with a total of over a 3Billion dollars to us.

227 "Kelly Denit" And the overarching, almost a 1Billion dollars to nmfs.

228 "Kelly Denit" There is a really strong direction from the department and Noaa for us to deliver.

229 "Kelly Denit" Um, and that is actual products and the results.

230 "Kelly Denit" Um, and so that is in part.

231 "Kelly Denit" Informing, uh, some of the things that I will lay out today, both in terms of process and priority.

232 "Kelly Denit" And the 3rd component that I wanted to.

233 "Kelly Denit" Provide as context for everyone is, as you would expect when the federal government is spending.

234 "Kelly Denit" 3Billion dollars, there's going to be very intense scrutiny from everywhere on this funding and how it is spent.

235 "Kelly Denit" And so that is again, in part in forming the process through which we want to make sure we're executing these funds.

236 "Kelly Denit" Um, as well as how we're articulating what what the priorities are and.

237 "Kelly Denit" And then let's get into it, so go ahead to the next slide. Please Morgan.

238 "Kelly Denit" So 1st, as Evan describing his bucket, we have 20Million dollars.

239 "Kelly Denit" Um, in funding that is spread out over the next 4 years. Um, unfortunately, we're all in.

240 "Kelly Denit" And this is fiscal year, federal government, fiscal years that I'm talking about when I speak to 326, which.

241 "Kelly Denit" Many of you are already aware. We are pretty much at the end of 23, which means we now have 3 years to execute.

242 "Kelly Denit" Uh, the 4 years of funds that were provided.

243 "Kelly Denit" I would note that this ira's, the council funding is specific to.

244 "Kelly Denit" Projects that relate to implementing fishery management.

245 "Kelly Denit" Measures and governance topics as Evan just described,

246 "Kelly Denit" there is a significant amount of IRA funding going to science and data collection and these funds are purposely focused on our implementation of management measures.

247 "Kelly Denit" I put up here on the slide, the overarching goals that we are trying to achieve.

248 "Kelly Denit" We recognize that there is.

249 "Kelly Denit" Variability and all of our fisheries across the country.

250 "Kelly Denit" Not just from council to council, but even within respective councils.

251 "Kelly Denit" Fisheries are in different places. Baselines are in different places in terms of what data you have on hand and what, you know, and you all articulated that very clearly, uh, at the meeting.

252 "Kelly Denit" And so what you'll see here in these goals, and in the subsequent side, in particular on the priorities is, we have tried to identify identify a wide range of possible options again.

253 "Kelly Denit" Because we recognize that folks are coming at this from a whole variety of perspectives. The key theme as Evan alluded to is climate and climate ready fisheries.

254 "Kelly Denit" So these 2 goals, the 1st is focused on implementation of fishery management measures necessary to advance climate, ready fisheries.

255 "Kelly Denit" And that can be by improving climate resiliency or responsiveness.

256 "Kelly Denit" To climate impacts and then the 2nd is a goal focus on planning and implementation efforts in particular in support of underserved communities.

257 "Kelly Denit" Because again, we recognize some councils have already undertaken management actions to help improve their climate resilience. Some have already undertaken some climate planning related activities and others have not.

258 "Kelly Denit" What is the next slide? Please morning. Okay so, 4 council feedback. This again was 1 of your questions.

259 "Kelly Denit" This is your opportunity to provide feedback.

260 "Kelly Denit" On these key priority areas that the agency has identified.

261 "Kelly Denit" As I mentioned, we have attempted to articulate.

262 "Kelly Denit" Or, at least try to strike a balance between providing enough specificity that we can have some clear impact and outcomes when we get to the end of our IRA funds.

263 "Kelly Denit" While also providing flexibility because what you might need to prioritize in your particular region, or for particular fisheries within your region might vary.

264 "Kelly Denit" So, I'll step through each of these bullets. Mm. Hmm.

265 "Kelly Denit" And then when we get to the opportunity for a discussion, we look forward to your feedback on this.

266 "Kelly Denit" And these are in no, no particular order. So the 1st is operationalize the.

267 "Kelly Denit" Scientific products, including climate, vulnerability, assessments, ecosystem, status reports, or integrated ecosystem assessments. We have a variety of titles.

268 "Kelly Denit" It's taking that scientific information that is available.

269 "Kelly Denit" And turning that into improvements to our management process.

270 "Kelly Denit" The 2nd is operationalize recommendations from climate scenario, planning efforts. Some have done this formally some have may be done this informally, but it's taking the outcomes of those planning efforts and again, translating that.

271 "Kelly Denit" Into actual implementation of management measures.

272 "Kelly Denit" And you'll hear me use that word implementation a lot in this presentation.

273 "Kelly Denit" And that's very purposeful because that that is the end game is to get to having measures or changes on the books.

274 "Kelly Denit" That we are, uh, abiding by, by the time we, we, we get to the end of.

275 "Kelly Denit" 27, the 3rd is implementing management changes to address climate vulnerability or improve climate resumed resiliency of fisheries, including those that are important to understand fish communities.

276 "Kelly Denit" Implementing measures that increase responsiveness of allocations, or other management measures to climate impacts.

277 "Kelly Denit" So, this bullet is intended to try and get at some of the concepts of how can we help.

278 "Kelly Denit" Improve the, the responsiveness, the quickness of changes in our management regimes and thinking about.

279 "Kelly Denit" Undertaking efforts to improve that.

280 "Kelly Denit" And the last is development advanced climate, related fissure, management, planning and implementation.

281 "Kelly Denit" Efforts in particular in support of underserved communities and again, this is 1 that was noted by a couple of folks at the meeting.

282 "Kelly Denit" Coming back to some, some councils, and some regions haven't gotten to the point of actually having some conversations around, what should their plan be and so wanting to have some opportunity to provide support for planning efforts.

283 "Kelly Denit" So those are the overarching funding priorities that we have identified and we are seeking your feedback on.

284 "Kelly Denit" Go ahead to the next slide morning.

285 "Kelly Denit" Great Thank you. Okay, so then we also are interested in your feedback on some of these criteria.

286 "Kelly Denit" I'm gonna step through each of these.

287 "Kelly Denit" Uh, bullet by bullet, which I know can be a little bit painful at.

288 "Kelly Denit" 448 for those who are on the East Coast.

289 "Kelly Denit" Um, but again, coming back to that concept of the scrutiny that we're going to have.

290 "Kelly Denit" I wanted to kind of put make sure that we're all on the same page for this. So we are proposing.

291 "Kelly Denit" Let me back up 1 step 1 of the questions you all asked was around the, the competitive.

292 "Kelly Denit" Nature are these going to be competitive grants so the answer to that is no, this is not an that is going to be published and Dan is on the phone. Correct me if I get any of the technical terms from.

293 "Kelly Denit" But the idea is that we will be.

294 "Kelly Denit" Um, running, uh, or.

295 "Kelly Denit" Executing council specific IRA specific grants for each Council.

296 "Kelly Denit" Through our authorities under Magnuson, so these will be direct to you. All this will not be an open competition.

297 "Kelly Denit" Um, to, uh, to other entities to compete for these funds.

298 "Kelly Denit" There will be a competition. I'm going to put that in airquotes in the sense of.

299 "Kelly Denit" Uh, once we get those grants in place, we do want, we do plan to run a proposal process.

300 "Kelly Denit" For us to review those projects that you will submit.

301 "Kelly Denit" For us to then determine which ones we're going to be able to fund in any given fiscal year. So I wanted to try and clarify that upfront.

302 "Kelly Denit" So, we are suggesting that each proposal be a minimum of 300 K.

303 "Kelly Denit" Uh, again we were doing this to try and avoid situations where we might.

304 "Kelly Denit" Has a smaller requests for any individual workshop.

305 "Kelly Denit" And try to push the thinking to be more holistic.

306 "Kelly Denit" I should note and I should have included this as a bullet that.

307 "Kelly Denit" Uh, we are open to multi year proposals, so it might be, uh, that you would submit a proposal that would be for 3 years and

year. 1. you're doing X Y, and Z and your 2. you're doing a B and C and year.

308 "Kelly Denit" 3, you're doing, so, that was the idea. There we welcome your feedback on whether that minimum makes sense to you.

309 "Kelly Denit" The other 2 criteria, and these are, in fact, non negotiable.

310 "Kelly Denit" So I apologize that they're on the 4 feedback slide but the 1st, is that these actions must be completely implemented, or in their final phases of approval by 2027. thousand and twenty seven

311 "Kelly Denit" As I noted at the outset, there's statutory limit on when these funds have to be obligated and the.

312 "Kelly Denit" Significant interest from the department and Noaa.

313 "Kelly Denit" In having products and impact by the time we are getting to the end of that we're getting close to that deadline.

314 "Kelly Denit" So we recognize that our process, because it's very public and because we are very thoughtful.

315 "Kelly Denit" Um, as we go through it, uh, we.

316 "Kelly Denit" Recognize that there may be some things that will tail over that that statutory deadline for when the funding actually has to be obligated.

317 "Kelly Denit" But the clear intent here is to have as many things done as possible by the time we're getting to that.

318 "Kelly Denit" End of 26, uh, this, this last bullet on this 1st subsection is also not not negotiable, which is.

319 "Kelly Denit" That the actions using IRA fund must be able to be sustained with no additional post. Ira funds.

320 "Kelly Denit" That is part of our planning we recognize that Congress gave us this generous investment and we want to take full advantage of it.

321 "Kelly Denit" We also recognize that there is no guarantee that we will have funding to support new initiatives beyond that.

322 "Kelly Denit" And so, uh, in the course of the next 3 to 4 years, we want to make sure that the changes and the management measures that we're putting in place, in fact, we're going to be able to be sustained,

323 "Kelly Denit" taking into account the fisheries and councils ongoing ongoing budgets moving forward.

324 "Kelly Denit" And then the last part on this slide is highlighting a few considerations that we're going to give higher priority to, or that we're considering giving higher priority to. And we welcome your feedback. The 1st is actions that leverage existing tools.

325 "Kelly Denit" So taking scientific products, or other information that is already available and turning that into management measures, or changes to management measures that are appropriate.

326 "Kelly Denit" Actions that will be completed within 3 years.

327 "Kelly Denit" That's consistent with the point. I just need about really wanting to get as many projects to the final phases if not completed. By the time we're hitting the end of 26.

328 "Kelly Denit" And then finally where it's relevant, giving priority to cross council projects and initiatives.

329 "Kelly Denit" Go ahead to the next slide Morgan, thank you.

330 "Kelly Denit" So, our goal I'll take, I'll spend a little bit more time on process.

331 "Kelly Denit" Our hope is to finalize these priorities based on your feedback here in about the next month to month and a half.

332 "Kelly Denit" Our intent is to get these IRA specific grants to each Council set up.

333 "Kelly Denit" As early as possible in f24.

334 "Kelly Denit" Our plan would be to release.

335 "Kelly Denit" 2 floods of funds to you in 24.

336 "Kelly Denit" The 1st amount would be based on the council formula that we use for.

337 "Kelly Denit" (4226261504) The annual appropriations and so that would be provided for.

338 "Kelly Denit" And then remaining funds would be based on that proposal process that I mentioned. And that would be conducted in that proposal process would be conducted in 24.

339 "Kelly Denit" and then again, in 25 and 26 to the extent that we haven't used all of the funds. Because again, as I mentioned, the councils will have the opportunity to put in multi year proposals. multi year proposals

340 "Kelly Denit" So, some of this, I can't provide more specifics because we're going to be.

341 "Kelly Denit" Kind of iterating on it as we're going through but I will do my best.

342 "Kelly Denit" 1 of the other questions that you all had asked was around that deadline for spending funds.

343 "Kelly Denit" So, we have to obligate everything by September 30, 2026. So, federal, fiscal year, 26, our plan is to enter into.

344 "Kelly Denit" A multi year grants with you all so you would have.

345 "Kelly Denit" The 4 years of that grant to execute those funds.

346 "Kelly Denit" There would be the possibility of adding a 5th year, which with a no cost extension, but there would be no additional budget provided.

347 "Kelly Denit" so that would be the timeline for executing.

348 "Kelly Denit" The funds that you would get, that was 1 of the specific questions that I got.

349 "Kelly Denit" Other things I would highlight here in terms of the out years, as I noted.

350 "Kelly Denit" We do expect significant scrutiny in our execution.

351 "Kelly Denit" So there will be substantial reporting obligations that will fall.

352 "Kelly Denit" On the councils and the National fishery services part of this meeting execution of these funds.

353 "Kelly Denit" And we will continue to work with you all on that.

354 "Kelly Denit" we also expect that we will have some really great stories to tell about the changes and improvements that you all have need working with your regional office counterparts over the next 4 years. And so we want to be able to communicate that.

355 "Kelly Denit" And then I've already noted about the options must be completely implemented in the final phases by 2027.

356 "Kelly Denit" I think those are the main points for that. Morgan go ahead to the next slide. Please.

357 "Kelly Denit" So this is a reiteration. This is if you case, you tuned out during that conversation that I was just having with you here is the bottom line in 7 bullets or 6 bullets.

358 "Kelly Denit" We are seeking your feedback on the priorities and the criteria. We hope to finalize that here in the next.

359 "Kelly Denit" Once a month and a half, in order to put us in a position to get the IRA specific grants to each council in place of for 24.

360 "Kelly Denit" We will be targeting to get that request for proposals out to you in the fall of 2024 so that we can make those decisions.

361 "Kelly Denit" The decisions on which projects fund by early 20.

362 "Kelly Denit" 24 calendar, year, 24, and that would be that 2nd slug of funds that we would provide to the councils in 24.

363 "Kelly Denit" those proposals would be reviewed within the National fishery service and we would be using technical reviewers from across the agency. across the agency

364 "Kelly Denit" Both our headquarters and regional offices and science centers.

365 "Kelly Denit" And I'll stop there because I know we want to make sure that we have time for questions and discussion. So, Tom, with that, I'll stop and let you and Morgan.

366 "Tom Frazer" All right thanks, Kelly for that presentation. So I will.

367 "Tom Frazer" Let Morgan start searching for hAnds.

368 "Morgan Corey" Yeah, just like before, use the raise hand button and we'll make sure to unmute you.

369 "Morgan Corey" Sure.

370 "Tom Frazer" Maybe Kelly, while she's waiting for hands. I had a question about the proposals themselves. Right?

371 "Tom Frazer" So, I think it's on slide 4 and I don't necessarily think we have to pull it back up in 1 of the,

372 "Tom Frazer" the bullets said that each proposal must be a minimum of 300,000 dollars and you're encouraging proposals that can be bundled a little bit. Right? But does that mean that you can submit more than 1 proposal?

373 "Tom Frazer" one proposal

374 "Kelly Denit" 8th Council? Yes.

375 "Tom Frazer" Okay, and then, does it also mean that and during the review process, would you not, you would you potentially pull out component parts of proposals.

376 "Tom Frazer" Do you have that Latitude if you if you're being asked to bundle things for example right? That are related. And you've had, you

know, some limited funds for. You're you're not quite sure if you want to go in a direction.

377 "Tom Frazer" Can you essentially line item veto parts of a proposal for example.

378 "Kelly Denit" Right I might need to phone a friend and ask Dan to chime in but my,

379 "Kelly Denit" my general thought Tom would be that we would be asking you all when you submit those proposals to us to provide some sort of prioritization.

380 "Kelly Denit" Um, around what you believe are the most important, and which ones if they have some components that could be broken out or separated, which you believe.

381 "Kelly Denit" Are the highest priority so that we could take that into account for example, if we didn't have enough money in a given year, we might choose to only fund save 1. and then it might be that by the time we got tier 3, we could have money.

382 "Kelly Denit" So.

383 "Kelly Denit" But just as an example, but Dan, if you want to chime in further with.

384 "Dan Namur" Additional info on how that might work technically. No, Kelly, you hit it on the head.

385 "Dan Namur" So, yeah W, we would ask that if there are, if you have the ability to submit proposals that have scalability and or feasibility, that will allow us to do.

386 "Dan Namur" Exactly, what Kelly said the other part is, if you submit applications that have not necessarily related items, but you've bundled things together much like, on a regular grant,

387 "Dan Namur" even though this will be a kind of a site selection and competition process that we will go through a negotiation process with each council when we're going through their proposal.

388 "Dan Namur" So we'll have the ability to identify which areas we have the ability to fund in which areas if we need to either scale it down or strike strike any sections out.

389 "Tom Frazer" Gotcha thanks guys looks like, um.

390 "Tom Frazer" I don't see any other hands, Morgan, except for Kerry. So Carey.

391 "Carrie Simmons" Yes, thank you. Thank you for the presentation. So, um.

392 "Carrie Simmons" Kelly, I'm not sure I got a clear answer to 1 of these questions and that was the decision regarding the initial award process.

393 "Carrie Simmons" The 10% of the 20Million to the councils and the 90% being a competitive grant is, how was that decision made? And, I mean, there's potential to do a lot with this funding, but that initial award is quite small.

394 "Carrie Simmons" And because we're gonna have to hire, I assume most councils are going to have to hire some help to complete any of these types of efforts. That's let's say, roughly 250,000 dollars to each of the councils by the time we onboard and get somebody in place to help us with this. That's very limited amount of time.

395 "Carrie Simmons" that's very limited amount of time

396 "Carrie Simmons" To get things going so, I guess back back to my question, how how was that original apportionment or allocation decision made for that? For the 2 2,000,000.

397 "Carrie Simmons" But the remaining 18 being competitive. Yeah. Thanks. Scary.

398 "Kelly Denit" The idea with that was actually exactly what you described, which was to provide some initial upfront investment for the councils to be able to use.

399 "Kelly Denit" Uh, to bring folks on and to allow you the opportunity to have some time to plan.

400 "Kelly Denit" Unfortunately, we are a little later in the fiscal year in getting that information out to you all. So our grand plans to be able to do that didn't quite pan out.

401 "Kelly Denit" So we are open to some feedback if there is.

402 "Kelly Denit" a larger number that you're interested in having in that in that 1st slot.

403 "Kelly Denit" But just know that there are some constraints in terms of what we can do. And how by that number that number can potentially go.

404 "Carrie Simmons" Okay, thank you. Have 1 more question on and then I'll let someone else ask a question. So you asked for some feedback on the prioritization for the competitive slug of money I think I brought this up at the main meeting.

405 "Carrie Simmons" My concern as many councils are not on even footing.

406 "Carrie Simmons" Regarding the climate vulnerability index, we don't have 1 in the Gulf. It's in progress our ecosystem status report.

407 "Carrie Simmons" Hasn't been updated since 2017, and I think there's some other things in there that I'm not sure have been updated like, our climate ready action plan. Maybe we have 1, but I think it ends in 2020. so many of the things that I think the councils may be able to operationalize in other regions.

408 "Carrie Simmons" We're really not on even footing in my opinion, in the golf in the Southeast.

409 "Carrie Simmons" And so, I, I would ask that we think about if this is really going to be a competitive process, how we can work together with the science center in the region, to really think about how this money can be used to get us in a better position. get us in a better position

410 "Carrie Simmons" To operationalize those in the future and make them.

411 "Carrie Simmons" You know, useful for management as soon as possible.

412 "Kelly Denit" That's great. Thanks for that feedback Gary and yes, I did recall our conversation at the CCC meeting and so I'm hoping that at least those last 3 bullets.

413 "Kelly Denit" Uh, reflect places where you believe.

414 "Kelly Denit" Um, and your council leadership believes that the Gulf council would have some opportunities to provide some projects and some proposals, and certainly point taken of talking further with clay and Andy,

415 "Kelly Denit" and we certainly could look at the South East. I apologize. I don't remember the right.

416 "Kelly Denit" How it ended up being broken down, but the climate action plans that came out, that hopefully are articulating, kind of getting some of these products over the finish line.

417 "Tom Frazer" Thanks Kelly. Let's see if we've got any other hands up.

418 "Morgan Corey" So, Tom raised your hand. Tom, you should be able to unmute yourself now.

419 "Tom Frazer" Thank you. I'm showing you. Unmuted. Can you hear me? Sure can. Go ahead Tom.

420 "Thomas Nies" I guess I'm a little confused on time.

421 "Thomas Nies" And I, so I've got I, I'm trying to ask 2 questions. The 1st, 1, Kelly is.

422 "Thomas Nies" I understand that the money has to be used to term obligated by 20.

423 "Thomas Nies" 6, September 30th, 26.

424 "Thomas Nies" It wasn't clear to me if that meant the councils had to spend it by that.

425 "Thomas Nies" Because later after you've set that and started talking about how this is a 4 year grant cycle with a possibility of a 5th year.

426 "Thomas Nies" Which my calculation puts us out to somewhere like, 28.

427 "Thomas Nies" So, I would it would be helpful if we could get a clear idea of what the timeline.

428 "Thomas Nies" Related to that, I'm still a little fuzzy on when.

429 "Thomas Nies" Proposals need to be submitted by the councils.

430 "Kelly Denit" Great, thank you, Tom. Uh, so on the 1st.

431 "Kelly Denit" Question you are.

432 "Kelly Denit" As usual, picking up on the nuances.

433 "Kelly Denit" So, the councils, if.

434 "Kelly Denit" We get the grant and plan in place in 24.

435 "Kelly Denit" 242,526.

436 "Kelly Denit" 27, but you wouldn't be getting any new money past f y26.

437 "Kelly Denit" So, you would have the 4 years.

438 "Kelly Denit" To spend all of the money that you receive.

439 "Kelly Denit" Overlook the course of that time frame, like, because you might not get it all in year. 1.

440 "Kelly Denit" Right. Um, and so, uh, and then if you are not able to.

441 "Kelly Denit" There may be the option to add an additional year.

442 "Kelly Denit" to spend down the remaining funds.

443 "Kelly Denit" Hopefully, I can explain that correctly. Dan is nodding. So I think that that was correct. Okay. Give me the thumbs up. All right. And then your 2nd question is also I'm going to kind of bifurcate.

444 "Kelly Denit" So our idea would be to get the applications open.

445 "Kelly Denit" For the councils to apply here in September.

446 "Kelly Denit" So that we could have your grants.

447 "Kelly Denit" Stood up and ready to go in f y24.

448 "Kelly Denit" And that would be when we would provide that the initial slug of funds.

449 "Kelly Denit" Based on the allocation formula.

450 "Kelly Denit" Then the timing for the proposal process right now, our goal is to have.

451 "Kelly Denit" That open up prior to our October CCC meeting so that we could have any conversations discussions that we needed to as part of that meeting. But we have not set.

452 "Kelly Denit" Uh, the specific deadlines or timing for that. Uh, precisely. So if you have feedback on that, that would be welcome.

453 "Thomas Nies" Thank you. Okay.

454 "Tom Frazer" Do you have anybody else in the queue Morgan? No, not so far.

455 "Tom Frazer" And we'll wait just a 2nd.

456 "Morgan Corey" All right. Looks like the western Pacific is ready to unmute to go ahead.

457 "WPRFMC Meetings (Kitty Simonds)" Yeah,

458 "WPRFMC Meetings" thank you Kelly and I'm glad that you said there is an opportunity to discuss the initial pot divided up by our percentage points. And as someone mentioned,

459 "WPRFMC Meetings" if we divide it up, there's not there's just not enough money to deal with the things that we'd like to do with them to hire a person, at least, for the 3 years of the grant to deal with this.

460 "WPRFMC Meetings" And also, you know, for us, I mean, for me NMFS owes us \$200,000 dollars, which they did not give us in the middle of our fiscal year, 2 years ago.

461 "WPRFMC Meetings" My suggestion, actually, we had a discussion about this, and it just seems fair to me and most helpful, since we aren't going to get \$20 Million dollars divided up percentage wise,

462 "WPRFMC Meetings" that we move to \$2Million to \$5Million dollars. And that's my suggestion. Just given all the conversation that we've had today about how we are different.

463 "WPRFMC Meetings" We just have so many differences in terms of what has been provided to us like the ecosystem status report. We don't have these kinds of things for our territories. So, there's really a lot of work to be done out here.

464 "WPRFMC Meetings" And of course, I'm not sure if some of that work is just science center, but it's part of management as you've discussed with us. So that's my input. Thank you.

465 "Tom Frazer" Thanks Kitty. Kelly.

466 "Kelly Denit" Yeah, thank you Kitty, appreciate that feedback and the very specific request and that's really helpful to have.

467 "Kelly Denit" I'll take that and resonant welcome other comments that we might get here.

468 "Kelly Denit" And we'll circle back and yes. Appreciate it.

469 "Kelly Denit" Like I said, in the presentation that each of the councils and even fisheries within respective council regions are potentially in very different places in terms of starting point.

470 "Morgan Corey" Okay, Miguel, you can unmute.

471 "Morgan Corey" When you're ready. Okay.

472 "Miguel A Rolón - I have a simple question. Do you have a person a contact person that we can ask questions as we prepare for the use of this funding?

473 "Kelly Denit" Absolutely, Miguel, Morgan, who you all know, will be the contact person.

474 "Kelly Denit" And she will have a contact in Dan's shop to help answer the technical questions related to the grant specifically. But for sure we'll have.

475 "Kelly Denit" points of contact for you to be able to engage with directly to get responses to questions or issues that come up.

476 "Kelly Denit" Thank you very much.

477 "Morgan Corey" Just checking in again, Morgan you just let me know I don't see anyone. Carrie.

478 "Carrie Simmons" Sorry, so Kelly sounded like you might be willing to consider a different initial apportionment and Kitty kind of threw a number out there. If the councils were to get together.

479 "Carrie Simmons" And come up with some rationale, and some information working with their administrative officers about what the initial funding might be to put together such competitive proposals, moving forward. When would you need.

480 "Carrie Simmons" That could it be by the October CCC meeting?

481 "Carrie Simmons" Or would have to be well, before Dan says, now has to be soon.

482 "Carrie Simmons" Tomorrow, let me.

483 "Kelly Denit" Talk with Dan and get back to you.

484 "Kelly Denit" Then formulating a plan.

485 "Kelly Denit" That may, or may not actually be feasible. I would say your feedback on the priorities.

486 "Kelly Denit" I need that by the end of August at the latest.

487 "Kelly Denit" the feedback on the dollar amount, I think.

488 "Kelly Denit" Potentially could come a little bit later, but let me talk with Dan to 1 of the points that came up that I want to make sure. And highlight.

489 "Kelly Denit" Please also remember that if a council is choosing to bring on a person or persons.

490 "Kelly Denit" That doesn't have to all be funded in year 1 that can be included as part of a future gear funding.

491 "Kelly Denit" as I mentioned, we recognize that for planning purposes, you're most likely going to want to put in multi year proposals so you can.

492 "Kelly Denit" Layout we're going to need a person to do X, or we're gonna need 2 people to do a B and C and it's going to take them 3 years to do a B and C. um.

493 "Kelly Denit" So, we can include that as part of your thinking, right? Thanks, Kelly.

494 "Tom Frazer" So, we're just monitoring again for hands so.

495 "Morgan Corey" Morgan yeah, Eric and then Tom.

496 "Tom Frazer" Okay, Eric, go ahead, Eric. You should be able to unmute yourself now.

497 "Eric Reid" Okay, how about now? Perfect.

498 "Eric Reid" Well, I sounded good a minute ago, so to see how I can do it again, I'm a little bit concerned about the mixed use of competitive versus non competitive. And I would really like, uh.

499 "Eric Reid" Some clarification of whether or not these grants are going to be competitive or not. I don't think it's fair that the councils have to compete with each other.

500 "Eric Reid" For funds my other question is about the last.

501 "Eric Reid" A topic of discussion was well, if the project.

502 "Eric Reid" We hire somebody, for example, do what.

503 "Eric Reid" There's a project in 3 years and then a project is over. Why do we have to be able to fund something beyond that?

504 "Eric Reid" If the project is over and.

505 "Eric Reid" You know, my concern is with the others, the start up money that's called start up money.

506 "Eric Reid" Is really not enough to hire.

507 "Eric Reid" 1 staff or more than 1 staff.

508 "Eric Reid" For a project that you're going to apply for, and you may not ever get.

509 "Eric Reid" So, explain that dynamic to me, if you could.

510 "Eric Reid" Thank you. So I'm not quite sure about.

511 "Kelly Denit" The comment about the extending.

512 "Kelly Denit" Funds beyond that one's throwing me off so I might actually ask you to clarify that a little bit more Eric. But, so on.

513 "Kelly Denit" The 2nd point, we.

514 "Kelly Denit" Recognize that there's going to be a little bit of building the airplane while we're flying it.

515 "Kelly Denit" And so that is in part why.

516 "Kelly Denit" we wanted to be judicious in the 1st, amount of funds.

517 "Kelly Denit" That we put out so that the councils could articulate how they would use.

518 "Kelly Denit" that a person, if that's what they're going to choose to do.

519 "Kelly Denit" to bring someone on so that we wouldn't have those disconnects where you're bringing someone on.

520 "Kelly Denit" That then doesn't have any work to actually do. So,

521 "Kelly Denit" We're gonna work through the proposal process to.

522 "Kelly Denit" Mitigate I guess would be the best word to describe that to make sure we don't have those kinds of disconnects to your 1st point.

523 "Kelly Denit" yes, there is, as I said, in kind of air quotes competition across the different councils, because ultimately.

524 "Kelly Denit" we expect there's going to be more interest than there is funding.

525 "Kelly Denit" We also want to be able to sync that up with the work that the regional offices are going to have to do to carry any actions that you all take.

526 "Kelly Denit" Over the finish line into the actual final regulations.

527 "Kelly Denit" And so the best way that we envisioned our ability to do that was to use a proposal process. So that what we get from you all, we can.

528 "Kelly Denit" Coordinate that, with the respective regional offices,

529 "Kelly Denit" in order to ensure that the projects that we're funding are ones that we anticipate we truly can get over the finish line and make sure that we are going to have the resources to complement what it is that the councils are are putting

530 "Kelly Denit" forward.

531 "Tom Frazer" Okay, thank you. I'm not quite sure I'm.

532 "Tom Frazer" Speaking for Eric a little bit, I think 1 of the parts of this question had to do with sustainability or sustained sustaining the funding as.

533 "Eric Reid" Is that right there? Yeah, and in the document it talks about, you know, the funds are available until.

534 "Eric Reid" 2027 or whatever it is, but it says that.

535 "Eric Reid" The project must be sustainable beyond that without any more money.

536 "Eric Reid" If the project then project ends, what do you need?

537 "Eric Reid" To be able to sustain for, after that that that that's a little fuzzy to me that.

538 "Eric Reid" The 2 different points in the, the presentation.

539 "Kelly Denit" Oh, thanks for clarifying that. Eric. So, that's to get and thank you for asking that question on Tom.

540 "Kelly Denit" So, the intent there was to ensure that we're not moving down the path of implementing measures that are going to have a price tag that extends beyond.

541 "Kelly Denit" The duration of the IRA funds, so.

542 "Kelly Denit" For example, there might be.

543 "Kelly Denit" Additional actions that you want.

544 "Kelly Denit" either the science center or the regional office to be able to take to support you in, with respect to decisions that the council wants to make.

545 "Kelly Denit" And we can't guarantee that we're going to have additional resources to do that. Therefore, we wouldn't support a project that's going to put in place something, like that.

546 "Tom Frazer" Thank you, uh, it looks like we've got a com.

547 "Tom Frazer" Sorry yeah, thanks. I appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you.

548 "Thomas Nies" I guess I've got 1 comment and 1 question.

549 "Thomas Nies" Again, I'm struggling a little bit with the timing.

550 "Thomas Nies" Because we're talking about.

551 "Thomas Nies" Submitting proposals for projects that make it funded.

552 "Thomas Nies" And it could be for a considerable amount of money that reflects a council decision on what sort of tasks they want to undertake over the next year over the next couple of years.

553 "Thomas Nies" Executive directors and the council chairman attempt to cite that on their own.

554 "Thomas Nies" We're gonna have to discuss that with our counselors now, depending on your council schedule that maybe may not be a problem for you, depending on your council meeting schedule.

555 "Thomas Nies" But for some of us, I think that is going to be a problem for us. We don't have a council meeting, except at the end of September and then in December.

556 "Thomas Nies" So, it's very difficult, I think, for us to be able to have that consultation with the Council, because the council.

557 "Thomas Nies" To weigh in on what they want to do, and what projects they wanted and.

558 "Thomas Nies" Bluntly, depending on your council, there may be differences of opinion and the best way to move forward and which projects are going to do.

559 "Thomas Nies" And timeline, I'm struggling to see how this is going to work.

560 "Thomas Nies" Switching gears a little bit about the IRA funding priorities.

561 "Thomas Nies" I guess I'm curious to how broadly you're interpreting the idea of being focused on fishing management and governance topics.

562 "Thomas Nies" To use a, not entirely hypothetical example.

563 "Thomas Nies" Hypothetical example, if a council intends to move forward on a management action.

564 "Thomas Nies" Which improves data collection from the industry.

565 "Thomas Nies" Whether it's commercial or recreation efficiently through, let's say, a citizen science program or something like that.

566 "Thomas Nies" That would help provide us information that informs how species are changing.

567 "Thomas Nies" In distribution is that going to be interpreted as spitting under this rubric of the Sri management and governance topics?

568 "Thomas Nies" Or is that an answerable question at present and 1 you need to think about it?

569 "Kelly Denit" Thanks Tom appreciate your comments on the 1st point and certainly we want to be able to take into consideration.

570 "Kelly Denit" The council processes as part of how we set up this proposal process. So, appreciate that feedback. Uh, the 2nd.

571 "Kelly Denit" Yes, I think a little bit the devil is in the details and I'd want to understand better.

572 "Kelly Denit" But in general, I would say that could be supported.

573 "Kelly Denit" The challenge would be, how does that continue to happen after IRA funds? No longer exist.

574 "Kelly Denit" And would that new citizen science program be self sustaining? I have no idea. It could be that you could build 1 that wouldn't need IRA funds.

575 "Kelly Denit" or funding posts, that kind of IRA timeframe in order to sustain itself.

576 "Kelly Denit" But that would be the 1 thing that comes to mind why that proposal may have, may not fit within the rubric of this. But in general and concept.

577 "Kelly Denit" I think the idea of citizen science could potentially, um.

578 "Kelly Denit" Thank you.

579 "Tom Frazer" Okay, any other hands in the queue.

580 "Tom Frazer" No, not currently. Okay.

581 "Tom Frazer" I will wait just a few seconds.

582 "Tom Frazer" All right.

583 "Tom Frazer" Okay, I am going to try my best to make sure that we stick to the schedule here and I'll go ahead Morgan and ask if you want to open it up here for public comments.

584 "Tom Frazer" So we'll be looking for hands from.

585 "Morgan Corey" The public sure. So if any non CCC members would like to make a comment or ask questions now would be the time and same protocol.

586 "Morgan Corey" Raise your hand in the Webex and we'll let you on mute. All right. I'm seeing Drew.

587 "Morgan Corey" I'm going to send you a request.

588 "Morgan Corey" All right go ahead. Especially survivable fund. Um.

589 "Drew Minkiewicz" I just came back from a meeting up in New Brunswick between U. S and Canadian scientists.

590 "Drew Minkiewicz" And where we discovered that we have.

591 "Drew Minkiewicz" No, aging data for Cod paddock or yellowtail flounder on George's bank.

592 "Drew Minkiewicz" There were hardly any age samples between any of the species.

593 "Drew Minkiewicz" We also had a spring survey for groundfish that was unusable, because it only had toes during the day.

594 "Drew Minkiewicz" Also represented the scholar fishery. We didn't have a sync. We had 1 to 1 of the federal style survey this year. It was a complete failure.

595 "Drew Minkiewicz" So, curious listening to these funds, like.

596 "Drew Minkiewicz" How much is going to go to the basic data that we're absolutely lacking the fisheries management right now because.

597 "Drew Minkiewicz" We can talk about climate resilience, but if we don't have the data to build a baseline and figure out where we are.

598 "Drew Minkiewicz" What's the point of trying to track where we're going and so.

599 "Drew Minkiewicz" You know, there's a lot of talk about a crisis.

600 "Drew Minkiewicz" But there's a real crisis going on fisheries management science right now. I mean, I've been in this for over 20 years.

601 "Drew Minkiewicz" We've gone backwards. This is the worst I've ever seen it.

602 "Drew Minkiewicz" So, what is the plan to try and do the basic blocking and tackling of getting the data.

603 "Drew Minkiewicz" That we need to even do informed management decisions.

604 "Tom Frazer" Drew I appreciate the comment, right? But I don't think I really want to have to put anybody on the spot right. To answer that question directly. At this point I do think it's worth hearing. Right?

605 "Tom Frazer" And certainly Kelly that the group can, you know.

606 "Tom Frazer" Take those comments, right? And perhaps formulate a plan moving forward.

607 "Tom Frazer" Are there other questions or comments? Excuse me?

608 "Morgan Corey" From the public yes, I'm seeing Chris and you can go ahead and then unmute Chris.

609 "Chris Oliver" Hello? Yep, go ahead Chris.

610 "Chris Oliver" You can hear me yes. Okay. Thanks. Thanks, Tom. I'm assuming it's probably a dumb question probably for Kelly.

611 "Chris Oliver" But when you encouraging cross council proposals.

612 "Chris Oliver" you know, synergies.

613 "Chris Oliver" In that respect, I'm assuming that councils could partner with other state agencies or universities where necessary or commissions for example, when they are developing these proposals like.

614 "Chris Oliver" Project partners, I guess, in their project proposals.

615 "Chris Oliver" Would that be? Would that be correct assumption?

616 "Tom Frazer" I guess Kelly, if you're willing to answer, that's a clarifying question. So I feel okay about it.

617 "Kelly Denit" Sure. Thanks, Tom. Hey, Chris. You again?

618 "Kelly Denit" yes, I think we would be open to council's considering that.

619 "Kelly Denit" in terms of their partnerships are.

620 "Kelly Denit" Think our effort would be focused on executing the funds to the councils. And if the councils needed to partner with a commission or.

621 "Kelly Denit" State agency to help them execute a particular project, or part of a project. That could be workable.

622 "chris" Yeah, I assume that would be the case. I just thought I would ask.

623 "Tom Frazer" Thank you. Thanks, Chris. Thanks, Kelly. Morgan.

624 "Morgan Corey" Let's see, I'm looking for any other raised hands. Not seeing anybody right now.

625 "Tom Frazer" It will wait just a few seconds. All right I've got Nicole.

626 "Morgan Corey" And you should be able to unmute.

627 "Nicole Kimball" Uh, North Pacific region, and I just want to.

628 "Nicole Kimball" Re, emphasize the, 1st question.

629 "Nicole Kimball" I think every region is waiting to hear an answer to that. And it's, it's not unique to any 1 region where we've been kind of losing ground in terms of our core data for surveys and associated survey research.

630 "Nicole Kimball" So, I just am in solidarity with that 1st, member of the public, trying to find out when we can get an answer to the question on how much of the funding can be associated with our core data sources. So, not a question, just a comment. Thanks for listening.

631 "Tom Frazer" Great Thank you. Okay.

632 "Morgan Corey" How are we doing Morgan out there? Okay not seeing any more hands.

633 "Tom Frazer" At this time. Okay. Well, it looks like we are about right on schedule. We might have 53 minutes, but I'm sure everybody could use them.

634 "Tom Frazer" I want to say, thank you to Morgan Kelly and Evan and Dan as well for taking the time to prepare the presentations. And answer the question.

635 "Tom Frazer" So if there's nothing else to add here, I think I'll go ahead and close this meeting. Now.

636 "Tom Frazer" Thanks everybody, thank you.

637 "Eric Reid" Thanks, Tom Thank you. Appreciate it.