

The Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA", HR 5376, PL 117-169), signed August 16, 2022, provides a total of \$3.3B to NOAA. These funds have been internally divided into three "buckets," as noted below, and allow NOAA to add increased focus to weather and climate resilience, coastal restoration and protection, supercomputing, facilities, and aircraft.



## **Organizational Structure**

Inflation Reduction Act (and Climate Ready Fisheries) Organizational Structure





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### EDA/AT

- Essential Data Collection
- Advanced Technology Adoptions
- Protected Species Climate Strategy

### **Mod Data**

- Strengthen and Enact Clear Data Standards and Accountability Metrics
- Scope and Implement Cloud-based Solutions
- Fully Enable Open Science
- Refine and Formalize the Operating Model for Modernization

### CEFI

Create Decision Support Teams in 6 different regions to inform to provide advice for climate-ready fisheries, protected species, and affected sectors and communities.



### NARW

- Modeling and Monitoring
- Vessel Strike Reduction
- On-Demand Fishing/Ropeless Roadmap
- Enforcement Support

### **Red Snapper**

- Make GSMFC/GulfFIN the clearing house for regional rec data
- Develop and implement GoMex video and acoustic camera surveys
- Improve estimates of recreational fishing effort and discards

### **Pacific Salmon**

- Support high-priority science/ research at NWFSC & SWFSC
- Evaluation of habitat restoration and reintroduction strategies to improve salmon abundance
- Funds will go through PCSRF process and established CI agreements



## **Questions?**







# Regional Fishery Management Councils

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Ready Fisheries Program Overview

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Presentation for the Council Coordination Committee special meeting July 17, 2023

## **Councils IRA Funding Overview**

- \$20M in total funding from FY2023 to FY2026.
- Proposals **must** be focused on fishery management and governance topics.
- Actions funded under IRA will contribute to the following overarching goals:
  - Implementation of fishery management measures necessary to advance climate ready fisheries by improving climate resiliency and responsiveness to climate impacts; and
  - Development and advancement of climaterelated fisheries management planning and implementation efforts in support of underserved communities.





## For Feedback: Councils IRA Funding Priorities

- Operationalize fish climate vulnerability assessments or other scientific products (e.g., ecosystem status reports, Integrated Ecosystem Assessments, etc.);
- Operationalize recommendations from climate scenario planning efforts;
- Implement management changes to address climate vulnerability or improve climate resiliency of fisheries, including those that are important to underserved communities;
- Implement measures that increase responsiveness of allocations or other management measures to climate impacts;
- Develop and advance climate-related fisheries management planning and implementation efforts in support of underserved communities.



## For Feedback: Criteria

- Requirements considered in evaluating proposals:
  - Each proposal must be a minimum of \$300K per proposal.
    - Rather than funding single activities (e.g., a workshop), it is preferable to bundle related activities under one comprehensive proposal.
  - Actions must be completely implemented or in the final phases of approval by 2027.
  - Actions using IRA funds must be able to be sustained with no additional post-IRA funds.
- High priority consideration will be given to:
  - Actions that leverage existing tools.
  - Actions that will be completed within 3 years.
  - Cross-council projects and initiatives (where relevant).



## **Councils IRA Funding Process**

### FY23:

- Finalize priorities for projects based on feedback
- Initiate IRA specific grants to each Council

### Outyears (FY24 to FY26):

- Release request for proposals and execute technical review process to determine funding amounts to each Council
- Execute adding funds to IRA specific grants to each Council
- Monitor progress and communicate outcomes of funded projects
- Actions must be completely implemented or in the final phases of approval by 2027



### **Next Steps**

- Refine priorities & criteria based on feedback
- Implement IRA specific grants to each Council
- FY24 Request for Proposals opens
- Discuss Request for Proposals at the October CCC meeting
- Technical review of FY24 proposals and selection of funded projects
- Support completion of identified projects and implementation of management measures



