

October 2023 Council Coordination Committee Meeting

Area Based Subcommittee Update

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1. Following the May CCC meeting, the subcommittee worked with GFMC staff and CCC members to prepare a press release sharing the report. [U.S. Fishery Management Council Report Finds More than 72% of Federal Waters Classified as “Conservation Areas” – Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council \(gulfcouncil.org\)](#)
2. A core group of subcommittee members worked over the summer to finalize a manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal. All co-authors were invited to revise the text. Submission to Marine Fisheries Review is planned for early October pending final checks on the detailed conservation area tables in the paper.
3. NEFMC, working on behalf of the subcommittee, executed a contract extension with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to develop an ArcGIS online experience builder application, as recommended by the CCC. As of late September, a draft application has been prepared by PSMFC staff and shared with the subcommittee for review. The application includes:
 - a. A homepage with project overview and basic methods.
 - b. A national results summary,
 - c. An interactive webmap,
 - d. Tabs that provide an area management overview for each region, and
 - e. A collection of links and resources for further information.

The content for the application is adapted from the report and manuscript. The application should be close to final by the time of the CCC meeting, which will allow us to share screenshots of the various tabs. The application will be disseminated widely when complete, towards the end of October.