



U.S. Regional Fishery
Management Councils

Council Member Ongoing Development

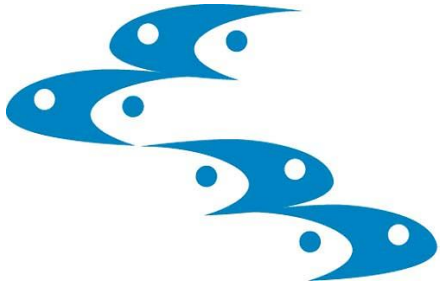
Steering Committee Report to CCC

October 2023

What is CMOD?

*Council Member
Ongoing Development*

- Program is a new initiative of the Council Coordination Committee
- Goals: to support professional development and cross-regional exchange among Council members and Council/agency staff
- CMOD meetings are policy-neutral; do not result in decisions or recommendations
- CCC approved a second CMOD event for 2025, with NPFMC as host Council



Cost and logistics planning for CMOD 2025

NPFMC cost estimate for 2025 meeting

- Shared costs ~115,000
 - *meeting venue, facilitator contract, invited non-Fed presenters*
- **Requesting 50% from NMFS (\$57,500), remaining costs shared equally among 8 Councils**
- Each Council and NMFS will fund travel for their own participants (4 per Council, 10 NMFS)
- Total estimate including travel and shared costs ~\$230,000
 - *slight increase from first CMOD due to increased costs of travel and meeting space rental*
 - *NPFMC admin staff are taking over venue logistics, to add additional facilitator scoping hours without incurring add'l costs*

Proposed meeting location: Vancouver, WA

- Very close to major airport (Portland) and fairly central for Councils, as previously requested by CCC
- NPFMC also costed Phoenix, Las Vegas; similar overall costs
- Vancouver has advantages for NPFMC administrative staff

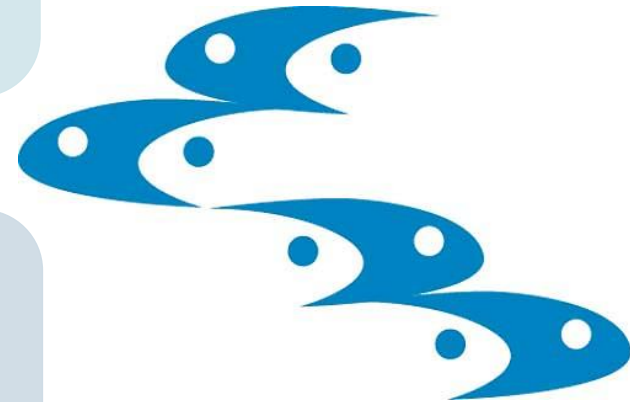
Steering Committee recommendations for 2025 theme and skills training

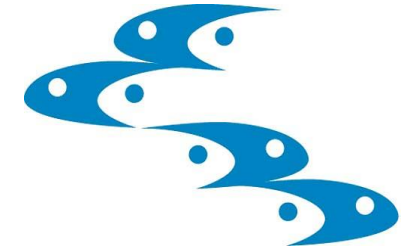
Theme

- **Adapting Council risk policies through operational changes to harvest control rules**
- Links CMOD theme with operationalization of outcomes from SCS8

Skills Training

- **Effective communication of complex fishery management actions from Council members to stakeholders**
- Dovetails with CCC Communications subcommittee plan to develop communications training for CCC members





Action requested of CCC

Concurrence with Committee's CMOD 2025 planning

- Agreement to proceed by NMFS and Councils, based on NPFMC estimate of shared costs
- Any concern with proposed location – Vancouver, WA
- Concurrence with or feedback on Committee's recommended theme/skills training

Next steps

- NPFMC will secure a meeting venue for CMOD (targeting end April/early May 2025)
- NPFMC will solicit facilitators and arrange a contract with other Councils for shared costs
- Steering Committee will convene with facilitators to provide input on scoping and prioritizing the agenda, and report back to CCC in 2024