

Notes FIWG Conference Call 011409

Given the feedback and the cross-cutting nature of many of the current goals, are these four most appropriate?

- Proceed by going through each goal and providing ideas for desired outcomes, objectives, etc.
- Started with Goal 1 on today's call, have each lead continue brainstorming, use inputs to mix and match as necessary.

Using Goal 1: Manage Coral Reef Fisheries to achieve productive and sustainable ecosystem goods and services in all jurisdictions by 2030.

- How do we define success for achieving productivity and sustainability?
- Is a goal this broad beyond the scope of the CRCP?
 - NMFS mandate
 - Management of coral reefs mostly under state/territory jurisdictions
 - Fishery Management Council facilitation role – bring all the stakeholders together
- Goals need to be broad enough to apply everywhere – if/then model that all jurisdictions can use
 - Framework for jurisdictions to use, but FIWG not intending to get into details of specific activities or locations
- Suggestions for objectives under this Goal:
 - Establish fishery rules/regulations
 - Determine reef fisheries most critical to habitat [functional groups most critical to maintaining ecosystem condition or fisheries with biggest impact on ecosystem condition?]
 - Improve enforcement
 - Adopt food production models in each jurisdiction (e.g. SAFMC snapper/grouper fishery idea)

Need to have more focus on improving coral condition

- New Goal or Objective? “Evaluate effectiveness of management actions on coral reef health”
 - Lack of capacity in jurisdictions
 - Difficult for anyone to discern results of management action, link actions to outcomes
 - Should be a focus of limited resources
 - Adaptive management approach
 - Use management actions as experiments
 - Hard to quantify – long-term horizon?

- Information on prior management actions currently available – may be time to start looking back
- Time horizon – reef fish have decadal life histories
- Need incremental performance metrics, intermediate milestones

Misc:

- Struggles with terminology
 - Hawaii Fishing LAS examples
 - Go back to CRCP performance measures memo and see if definitions of goals, objective, etc. make sense, as reference
- Considerations of human dimension summary doc
- Lists of Council needs (SAFMC docs)
- Outreach to POCs, process to keep informed (e.g. send summary to colleagues after each call).