



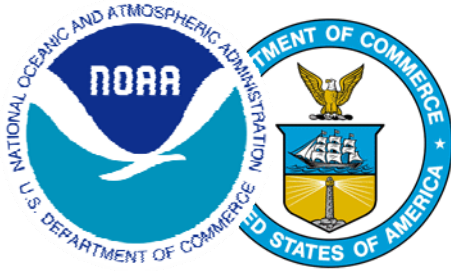
MSRA Implementation

SSCs, Peer Review, and Stipends

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MSRA Requirements

SSCs - Peer Review



MSA § 301 NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

(b) GUIDELINES._ The Secretary shall establish advisory guidelines ...

MSA § 302 REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

(g)(1)(A) Each council shall establish, maintain, and appoint the members of a scientific and statistical committee to assist it in the development, collection, evaluation, and **peer review** ...

(g)(1)(E) The Secretary and each Council may establish a **peer review** process for that Council for scientific information used to advise the Council about the conservation and management of the fishery. The review process, which may include existing committees or panels, is deemed to satisfy the requirements ...

from Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act - As Amended Through January 12, 2007



Peer Review Definition



Peer review is defined as “a form of deliberation involving an exchange of judgments about the appropriateness of methods and the strengths of the author’s inferences” (OMB 2004)

Information Quality Act (Public Law 106-554)

- enhance the quality and credibility of ... scientific information

OMB Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (70 FR 2664)

- establishes minimum peer review standards

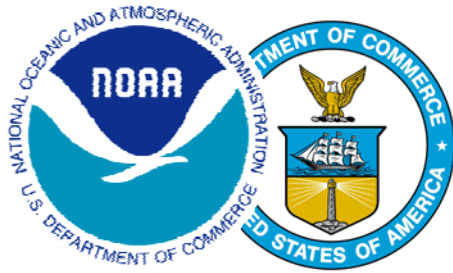
- adapts the **National Academy of Sciences** policy for committee selection with respect to conflict of interest

Reviewer Requirements

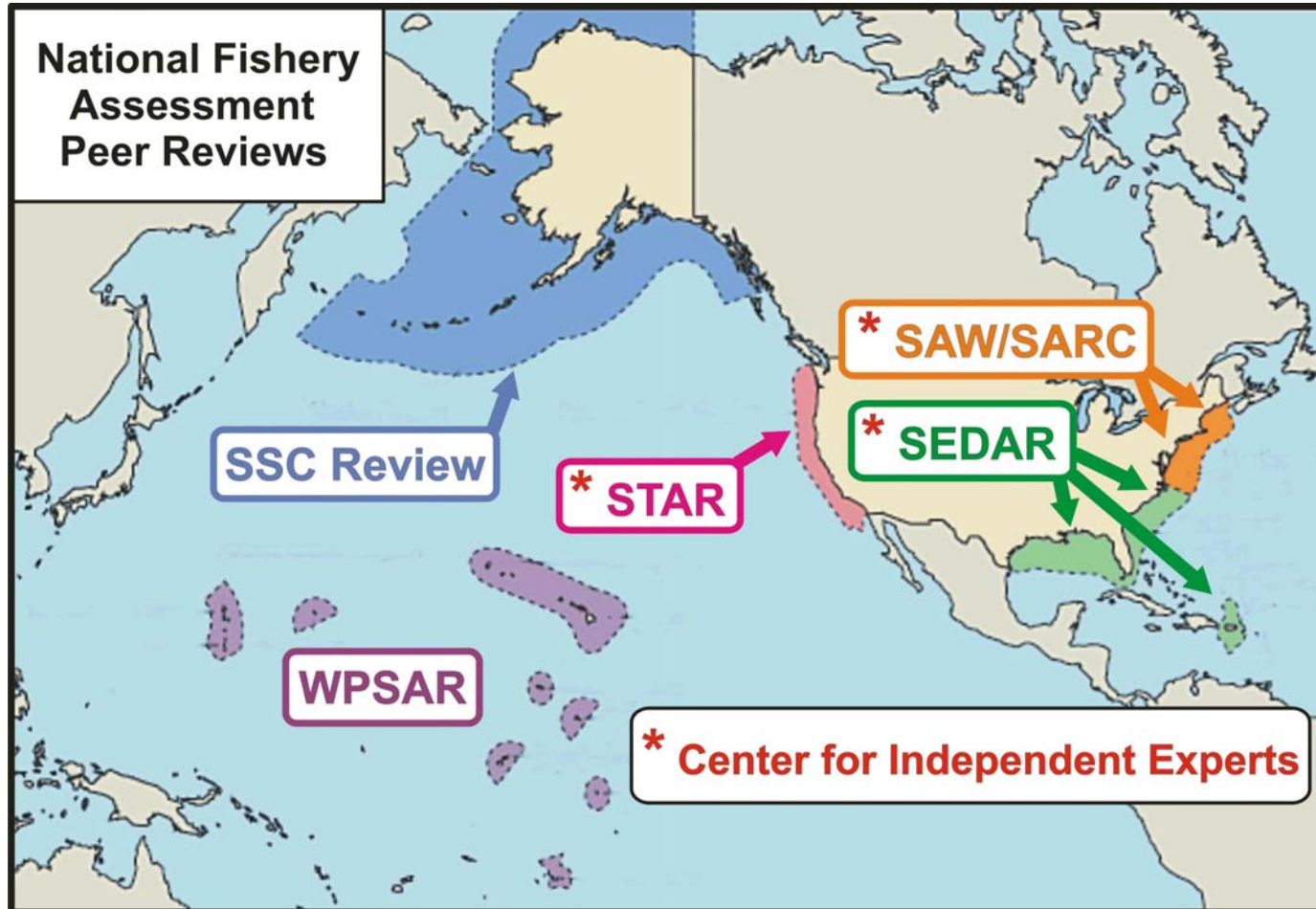
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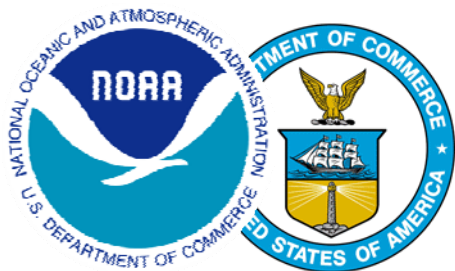
No Conflict of Interest

Independent, Impartial



Peer Review Existing Processes



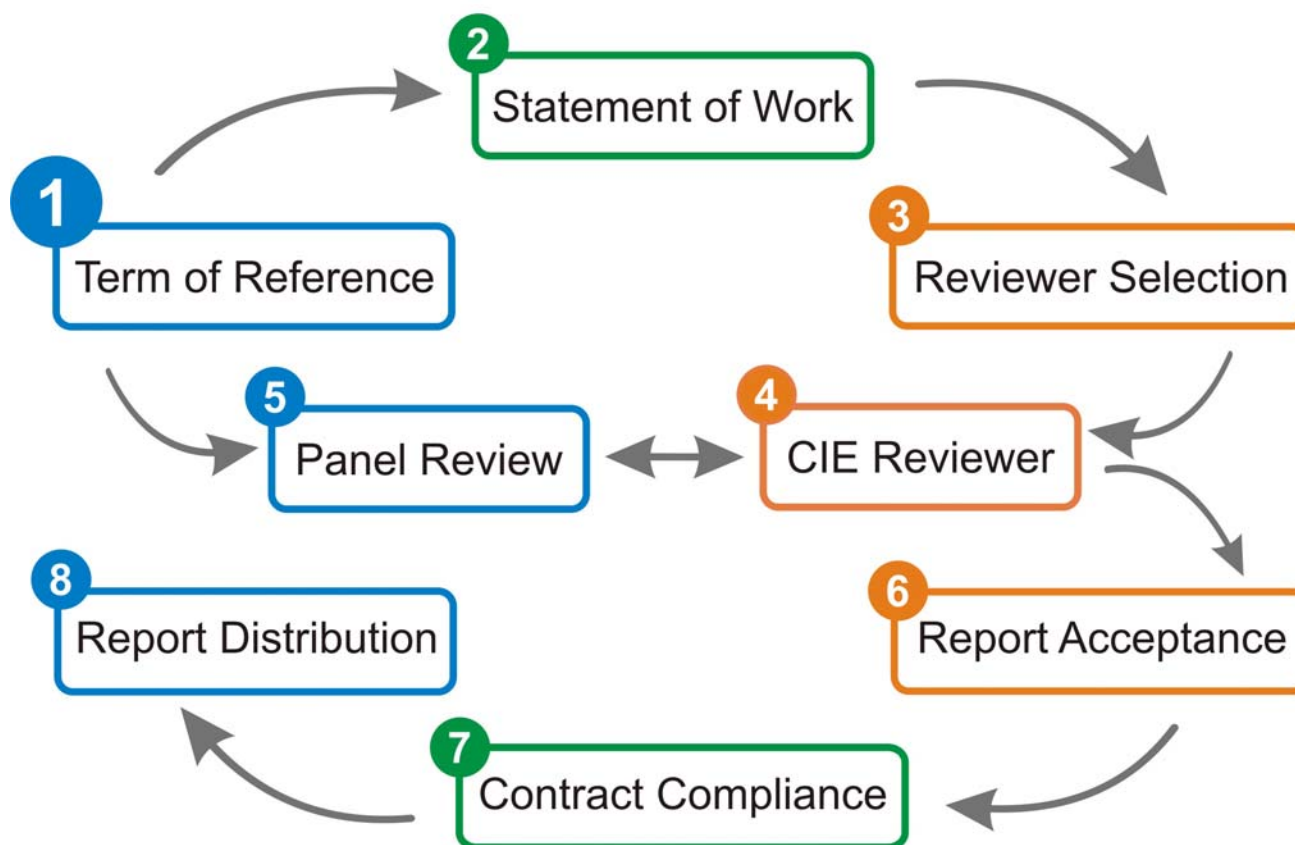


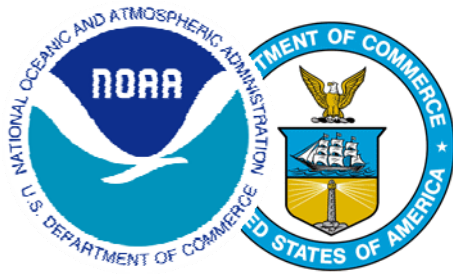
Peer Review Process

Center for *Independent Experts*

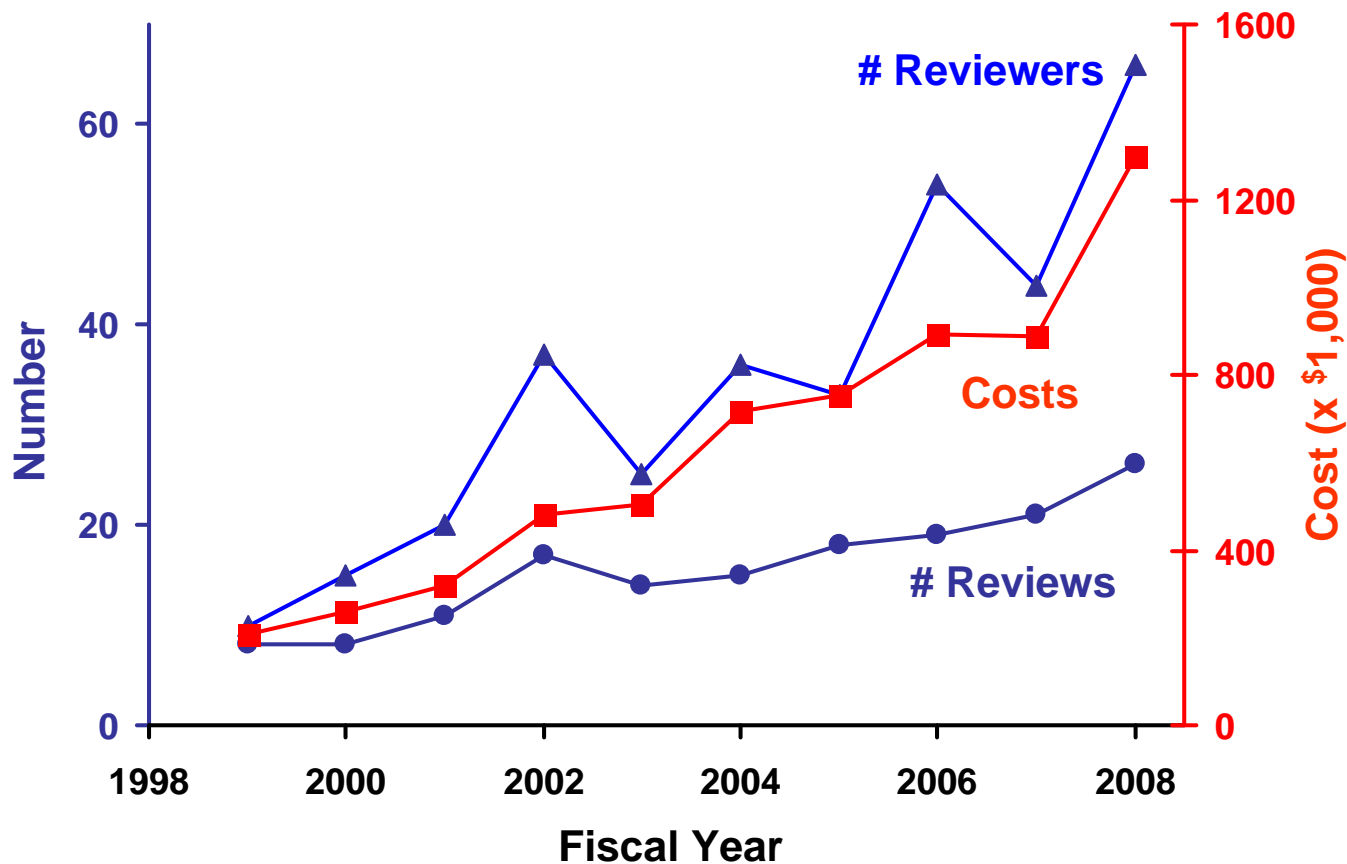


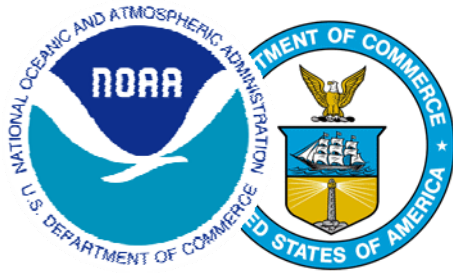
NMFS/FMC - NMFS HQ - CIE



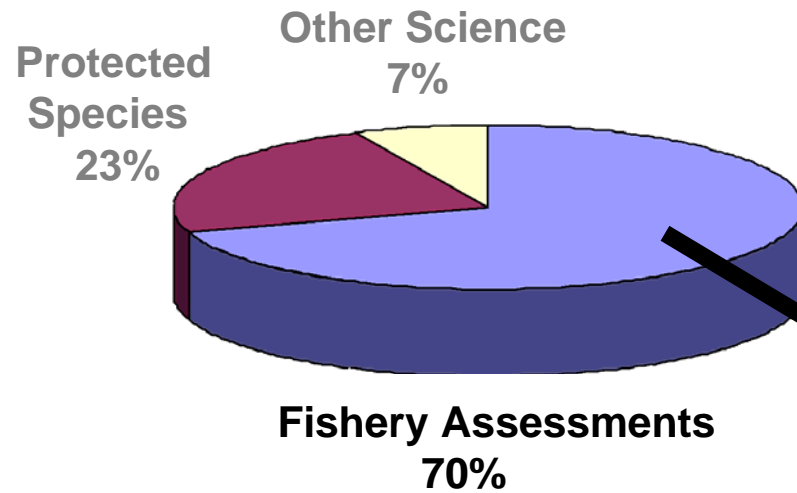


CIE Peer Reviews Contracted by NMFS

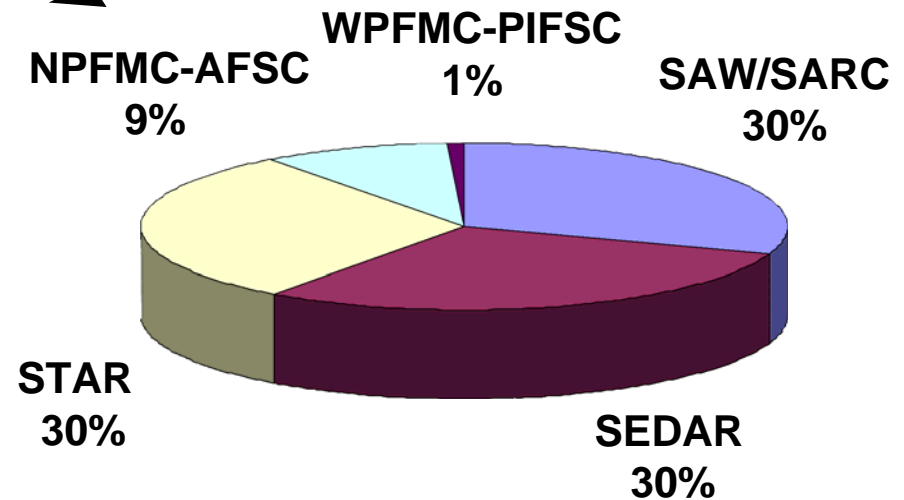


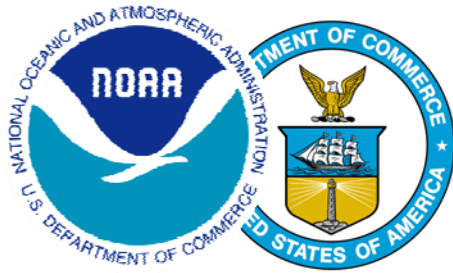


CIE Peer Reviews of Fishery Assessments



Regional cost distribution





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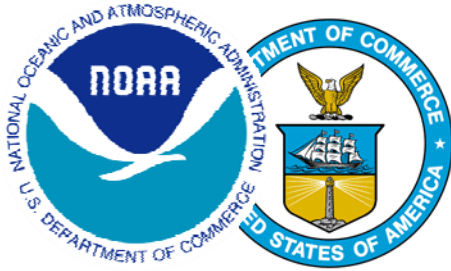
SSCs - Stipend



MSA § 302 (g) COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY PANELS._

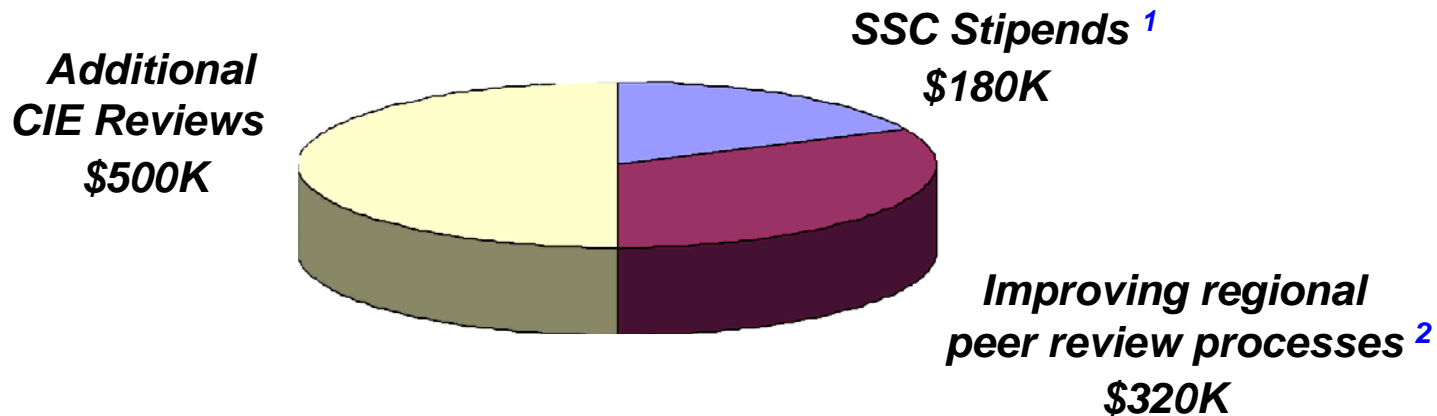
(F) In addition to the provisions of section 302(f)(7), the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, pay a **stipend to members of the scientific and statistical committee or advisory panels ...**

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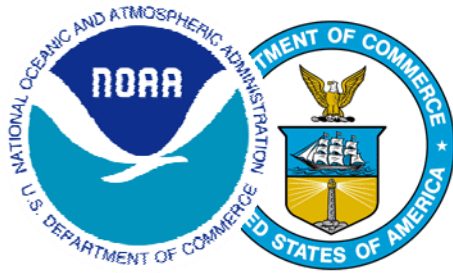
MSRA Allocation

FY08 Proposal (*expected*)



¹ **SSC daily rate = \$215 (1/2 of Council rate)**
SSC annual stipends = (837 SSC days/yr x \$215/d) = \$180K
Benefits – consistency & proportional to services
Alternatives – daily vs meeting rate, or annual honorarium

² **Alternatives – equal allocation vs proposal process**



MSRA Implementation Discussion – Questions?



- 1). Stipend rate (1/2 daily rate for GS-15 step 7)***
- 2). Consistency of stipends among SSCs***
- 3). SSC and AP long-term priorities for stipends?***
- 4). Projecting support for ACLs***
 - number of SSC members***
 - frequency of SSC meetings***
- 5). Balance between stipends, regional peer review and CIE support***
- 6). Ideas for strengthening regional peer review***
- 7). Establishing NS2 guidelines for peer reviews***