Aquaculture Sub-committee

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Expanded Case Needs

- Devise ways to demonstrate localized economic benefit
- Put the challenges up front
 - Potential environmental effects
 - User conflicts
 - Socio-economic
- Expand on catfish example to include real open ocean farming examples (e.g., Hawaii)
- Consequences of action and non-action
- Create incentives e.g., diminished fee rate

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- Delete appendices and place in the document
- Delete "Carrying Capacity" & replace w/ appropriate water quality terms
- Move "Ocean Policy" recommendations into the text as additional rationale

Identifying Sites

- Identify sites for aquaculture
 - Aquaculture Development Zones or
 - Development Criteria
- Reinforce CZMA process
- Ensure State input on:
 - Acceptability of aquaculture
 - Input on site selection determined by State
 - State input legislatively (?) mandated

Obtaining a Permit

Consider a "point" system to maximize benefit to the local economy

e.g.,

Ownership

- » Cooperative over Individual
- » Domestic over Foreign

Integration with local university

Meeting local salary standards

Programmatic Action Items

- Consolidate all available technical and economic information
 - Develop best responses to economic & environmental concerns
- Staffing @ NMFS needs to increase
- Conduct regional meetings mimicking this forum and localizing representation where possible
- Promote regional demonstration projects using same incentive criteria
 - Technological, permitting, sociological, economic