

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting – October 25-October 27, 2011
Washington, DC

1. Title: 2012 Situation and Outlook Reports

2. Presenters:

- Regulatory Program—Eric Schwaab
- Science Program—Richard Merrick

3. Objective/Purpose: Informational briefing and discussion on the major challenges, proposed strategies and desired outcomes in our regulatory and science program areas for FY2012.

4. Background/Synopsis: How will NOAA Fisheries Service conduct business in the future, especially in a flat or declining budget environment? This meeting begins to address that question with two strategic-level reports on the NMFS regulatory program situation and outlook for 2012 and similarly the NMFS science situation and outlook for 2012. We've allocated 30 minutes each, with the proposed time split between remarks and questions/answers/discussion.

By situation and outlook we mean what are the strategic issues to be addressed by NMFS in 2012 in each domain, and the proposed objectives and outcomes we are setting in these areas. The purpose is to educate MAFAC on the challenges being faced in 2012. By challenges we include internal and external drivers of the regulatory and science agenda and what our strategy(ies) will be to resolve the challenge. For example, demand for more (regulatory/policy/data/assessment) services is a driver; what and where specifically are they expected to be coming from in 2012 (e.g., Hill, White House, Councils, ENGOs, NOAA Leadership, fishing communities, consumers, etc)? How do we prioritize them? Budget is an obvious driver; how do we plan to conduct business with a flat or reduced budget?

5. Options / Issues for Discussion: NA

6. Preferred Recommendation:

Record of Decision:

Decision, Next Step(s) and/or Action:

Assigned to:

Due Date: