



# National Scientific and Statistical Committee

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# National SSC

**At its May 2012 Annual Meeting, the CCC agreed to establish a National SSC**

Proposed role of National SSC:

- Provide coordination among the eight SSCs on scientific issues of national significance

Current Status:

- Membership, procedures, and terms of reference are under development

## National SSC Rules and Procedures

- A strawman for rules and procedures was drafted by the WPFMC staff and circulated among the SSC Chairs
- MAFMC staff, at request of NMFS Sr. Stock Assessment Scientist convened two meetings of current SSC Chairs via conference call (fall 2013)

## National SSC Ad Hoc Conference calls, fall 2013

- Chaired by John Boreman (SSC IV Chair)
- Topics discussed:
  - Potential topics for fifth National SSC Workshop  
*(proposed for fall 2014)*
  - WPFMC National SSC SOPPs strawman
- SSC chairs agreed to send comments on WPFMC proposal to CCC (via Boreman)

## National SSC: Alternative Concept

- Alternative concept for National SSC developed by MAFMC SSC Chair Boreman
  - National SSC envisioned as a steering committee
  - Primarily engaged in coordination role to address nationally significant scientific issues (as identified by the CCC)
- Working groups could be formed to address specific issues (would follow WPFMC model)

## National SSC Operations & Procedures

- SOPPs for National SSC need to be finalized
- MAFMC staff offering to coordinate completion of National SSC SOPPs development
- Convene the eight SSC Chairs in consultation with ED designee from each Council in spring 2014 to finalize SOPPs for consideration/ adoption at May 2014 CCC meeting

# Fifth National SSC Workshop Topics

*Consensus of Current SSC Chairs:*

**Overall Theme:** Providing ABC specifications in the face of uncertainty

- Setting ABCs in data poor/model resistant situations
- Incorporating variable and changing climate and ecosystem conditions (including spatial management and habitat considerations) into ABC specifications<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Topics under subtheme 2 will be discussed both individually and, where appropriate, in relation to subtheme 1

## Fifth National SSC Workshop Options

1. Move forward with SSC V in absence of final SSC SOPPs with SSC V in fall 2014 (need to decide on topics to be addressed, host, venue)
2. Finalize SSC SOPPs at May 2014 CCC meeting and begin planning SSC V for fall 2015