



Communication with Councils, the Commission and Other Stakeholders

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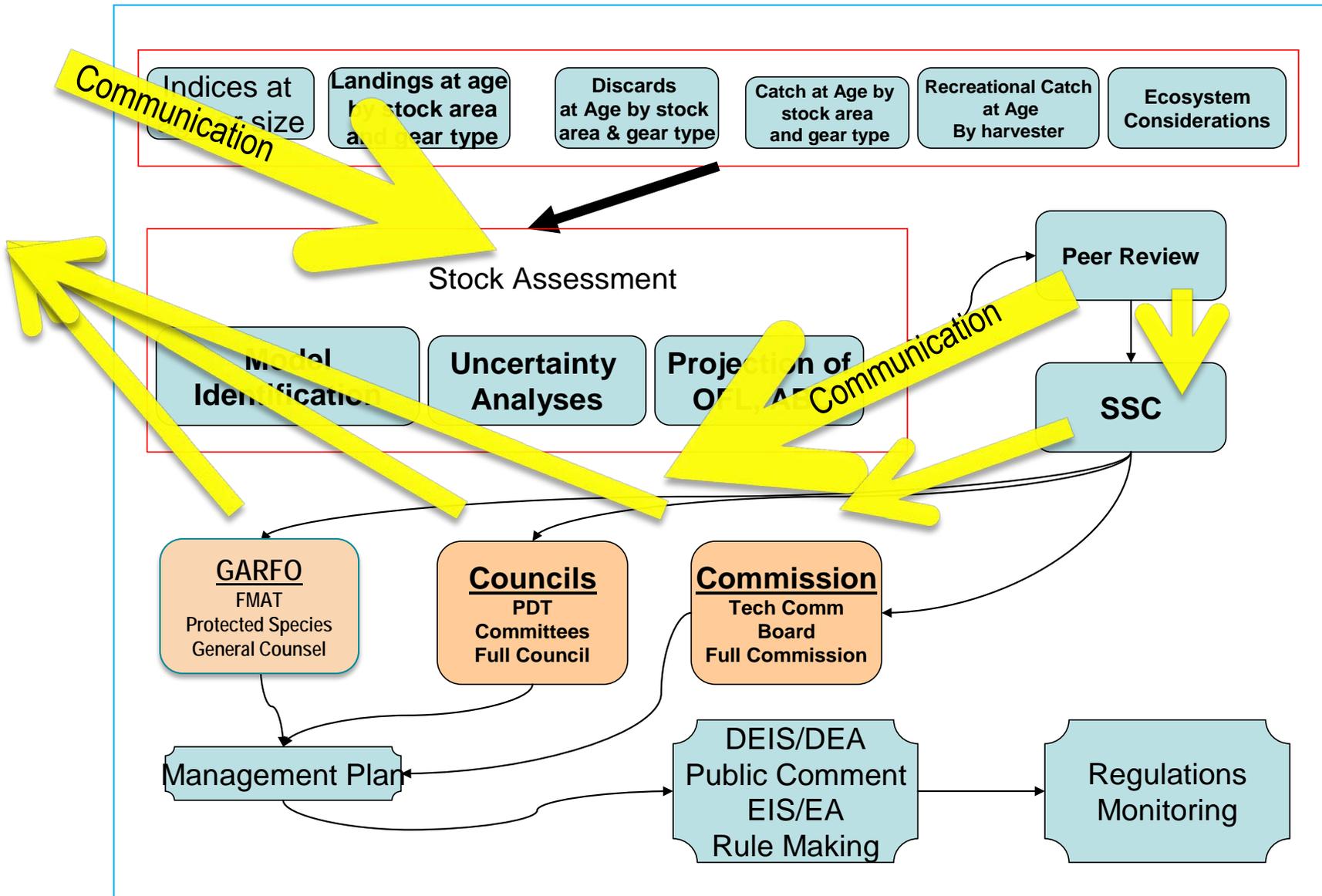
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Flowchart



What's Ahead

Informational website

Public Presentation

SARC-SSC-Council Connection

NRCC Oversight

NEFSC Representation at Council Meetings

Other constituent communications

1. Informational NEFSC Website

- Meeting announcements
- Working papers available
- Links to published assessment reports
- Links to Review Panel reports

2. Public Presentation

- After SARC and TRAC peer reviews
 - Available reports/materials
- Summary Presentations to Councils (attended by Commission)
 - Presenters: NEFSC SAW Chair (for SARCs) or TRAC co-chair (for TRACs)
 - Contents:
 - Major scientific results and conclusions
 - Q&A

3. SARC-SSC-Council Connection

- SARC Chair -- SSC interaction
- SSC consideration of assessment, followed by ABC recommendation
- SSC chair reports to Councils

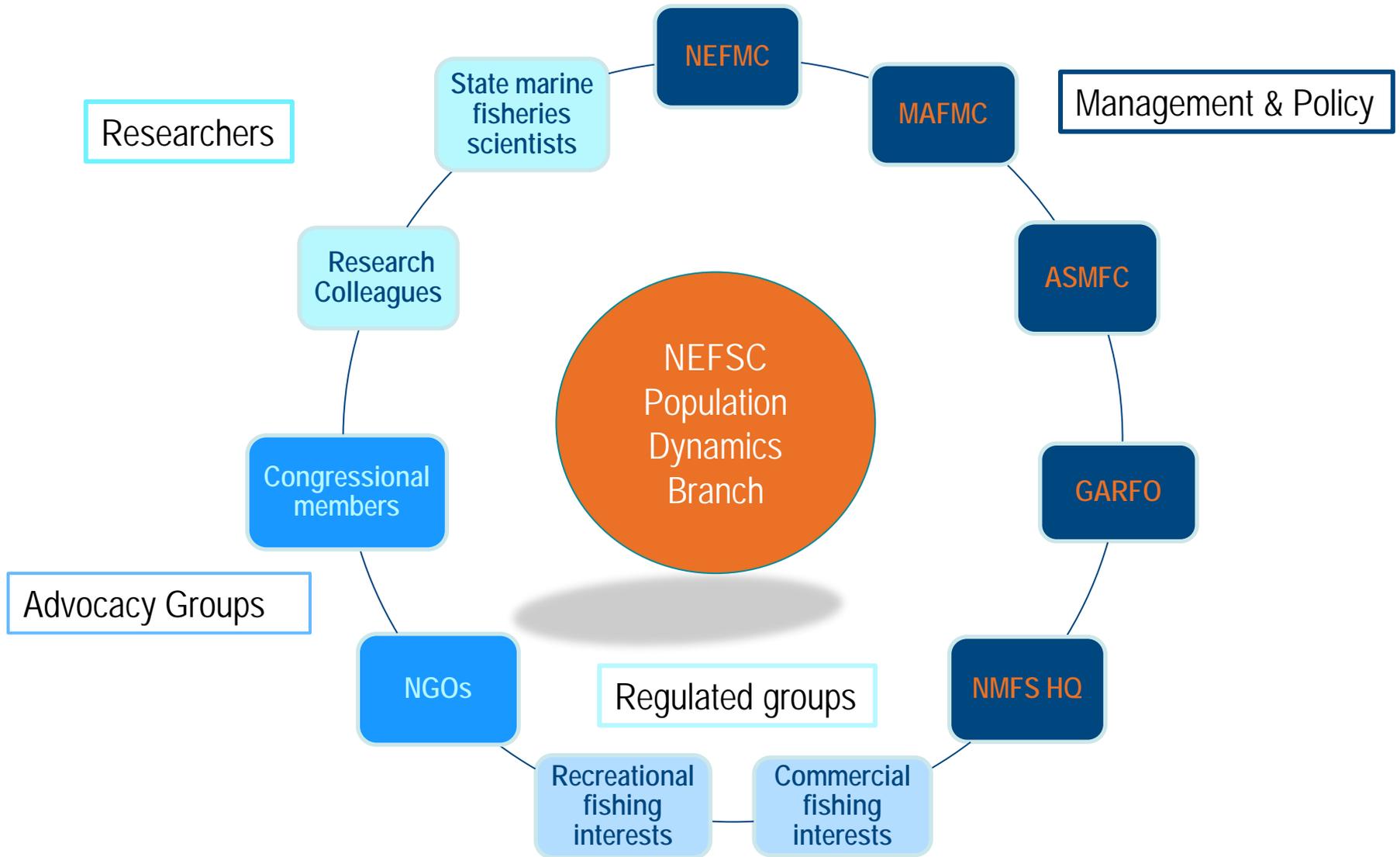
4. NRCC Oversight

- Meetings held regularly (2/yr + interim calls)
- NRCC attended by leadership of all partner organizations
- Significant portion of NRCC meeting devoted to stock assessment (scheduling, results, and review process)

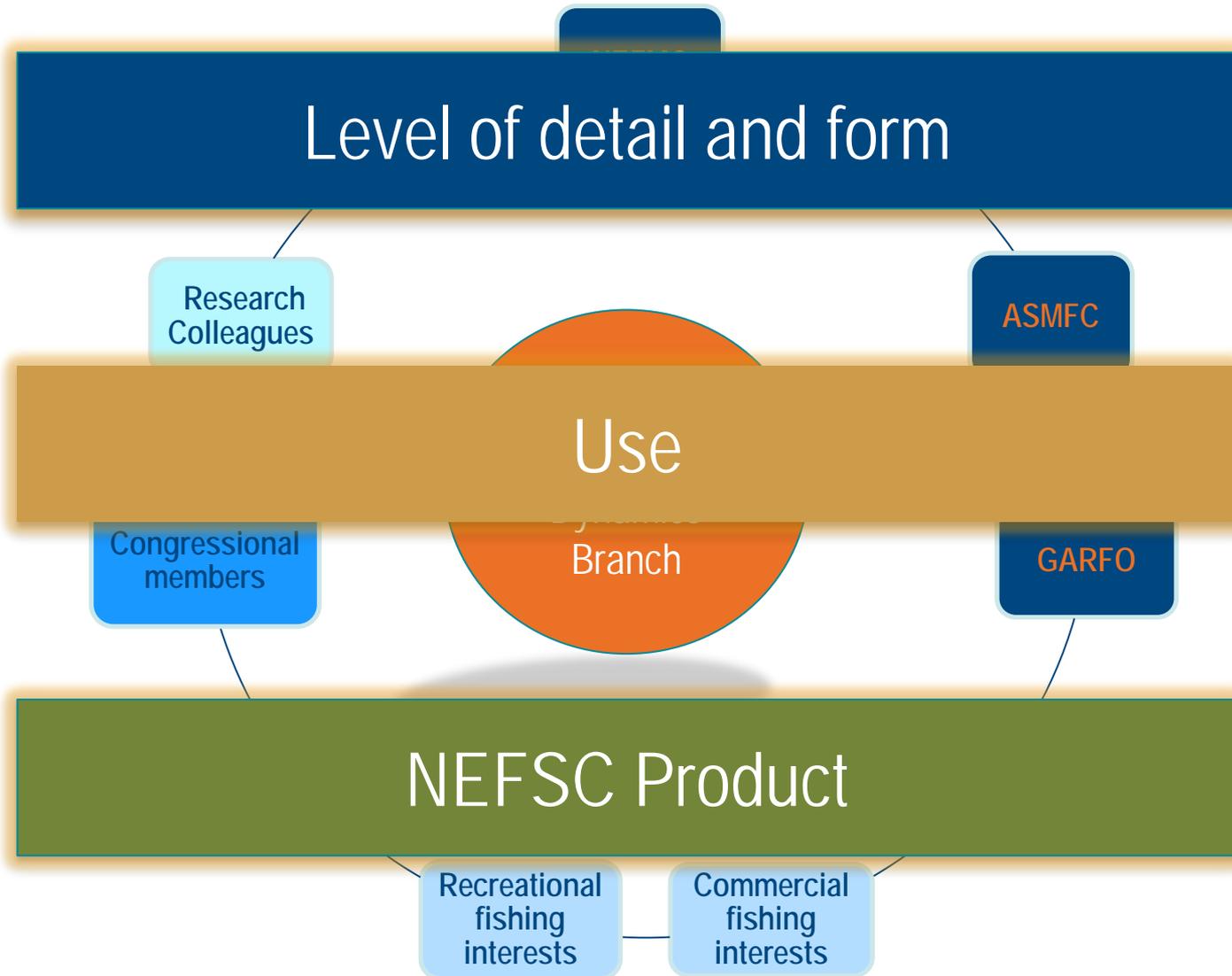
5. NEFSC Representation at Council Meetings

- NEFSC Science Director and Liaison attend NE and MA Council meetings
- Provides opportunity for Council-NEFSC dialog about stock assessment issues that come up

6. Other Communications



Other Communications



Management/Policy

NEFMC

MAFMC

ASMFC

GARFO

NMFS HQ

Type of Assessment Information

- Detailed
- Summarized
- Additional, specialized

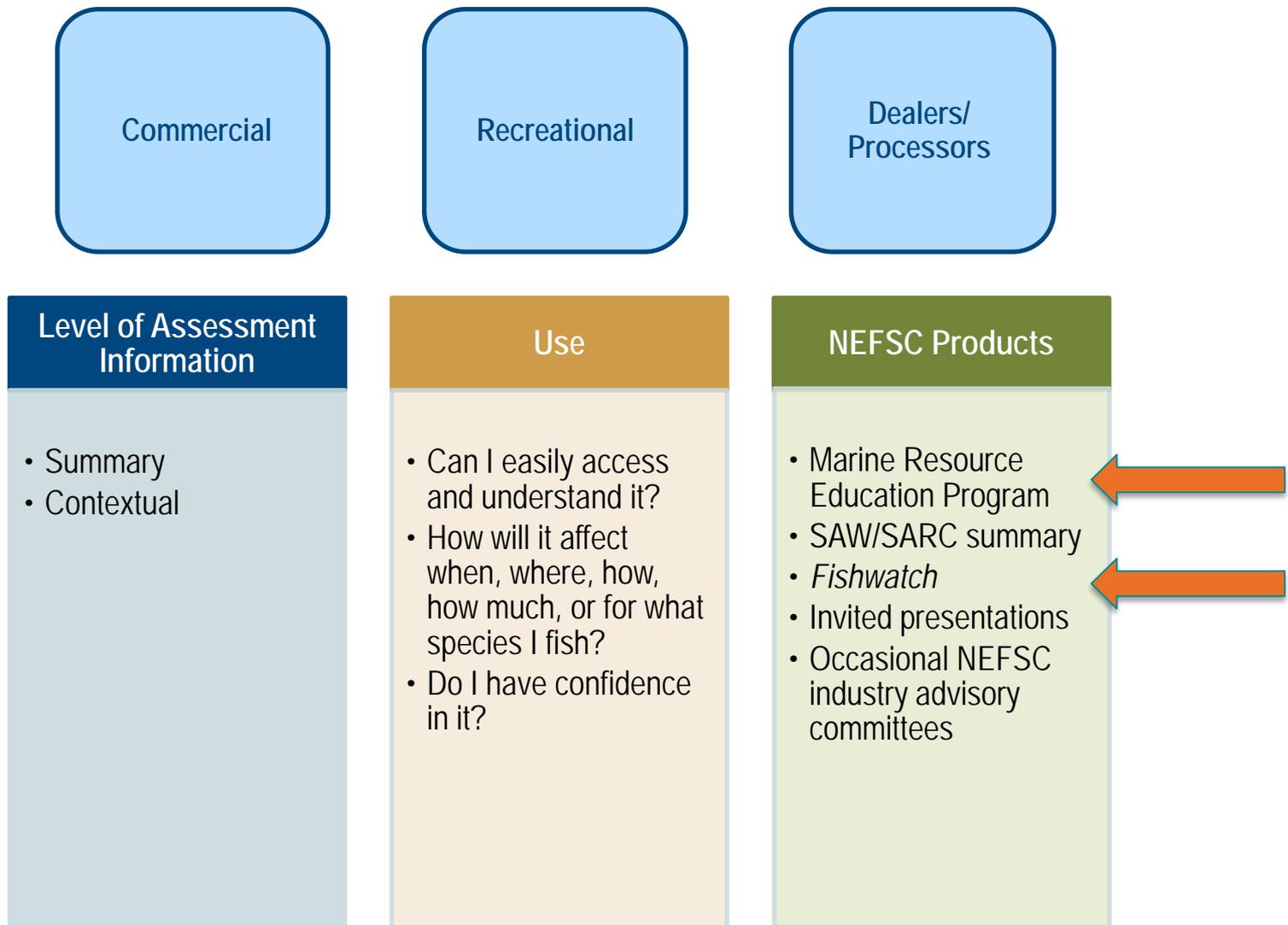
Use

- How can we apply it?
- How will it affect the current management plan?
- How can we use it to support a policy/management decision?

NEFSC Products

- SAW/SARC reports
- SAW working documents
- NEFSC reference documents
- Presentations
- Committee participation
- Briefings for external parties
- Specialized analyses
- Internal briefing materials and processes

Regulated Groups



Advocacy Groups

NGOs

Congressional

Level of Assessment Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed• Summary• Contextual

Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will it affect my constituents/members?• Is it reliable?• How can I use it to further my agenda or to move/shake the system?

NEFSC Products
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAW/SARC reports• Briefings for external parties• Specialized analyses• Controlled correspondence responses• Materials requested by General Counsel/DOJ for litigation



Research Colleagues

State marine
fisheries scientists

Other research
colleagues

Level of Assessment Information

- Detailed
- Summary
- Contextual

Use

- How can I use it in my project?
- How can I use it to assist my clients/students?
- Is there a place where my work can improve the assessment?

NEFSC Products

- SAW/SARC reports
- Specialized analyses
- Collaborative projects
- Sharing models, code, and data
- Mentoring and advising graduate students

The broad view:

Strengths

Peer review process: agreed to by NRCC orgs

Multiple avenues for communication

Communication occurs on a regular basis

Some Council members attend assessment peer reviews and SSC meetings

Strive to provide clear determinations of stock status

Challenges

Agency responses to external public statements about assessments

Why some assessments are challenged by public / others not

SSC recommendations that might appear to conflict with assessment results

Timing assessments and presentations to synch with management schedules

Solutions

Better communication of science results to public

NRCC involvement as mediating body

Increased communication with SSC

Search for ways to increase flexibility in regulatory schedules