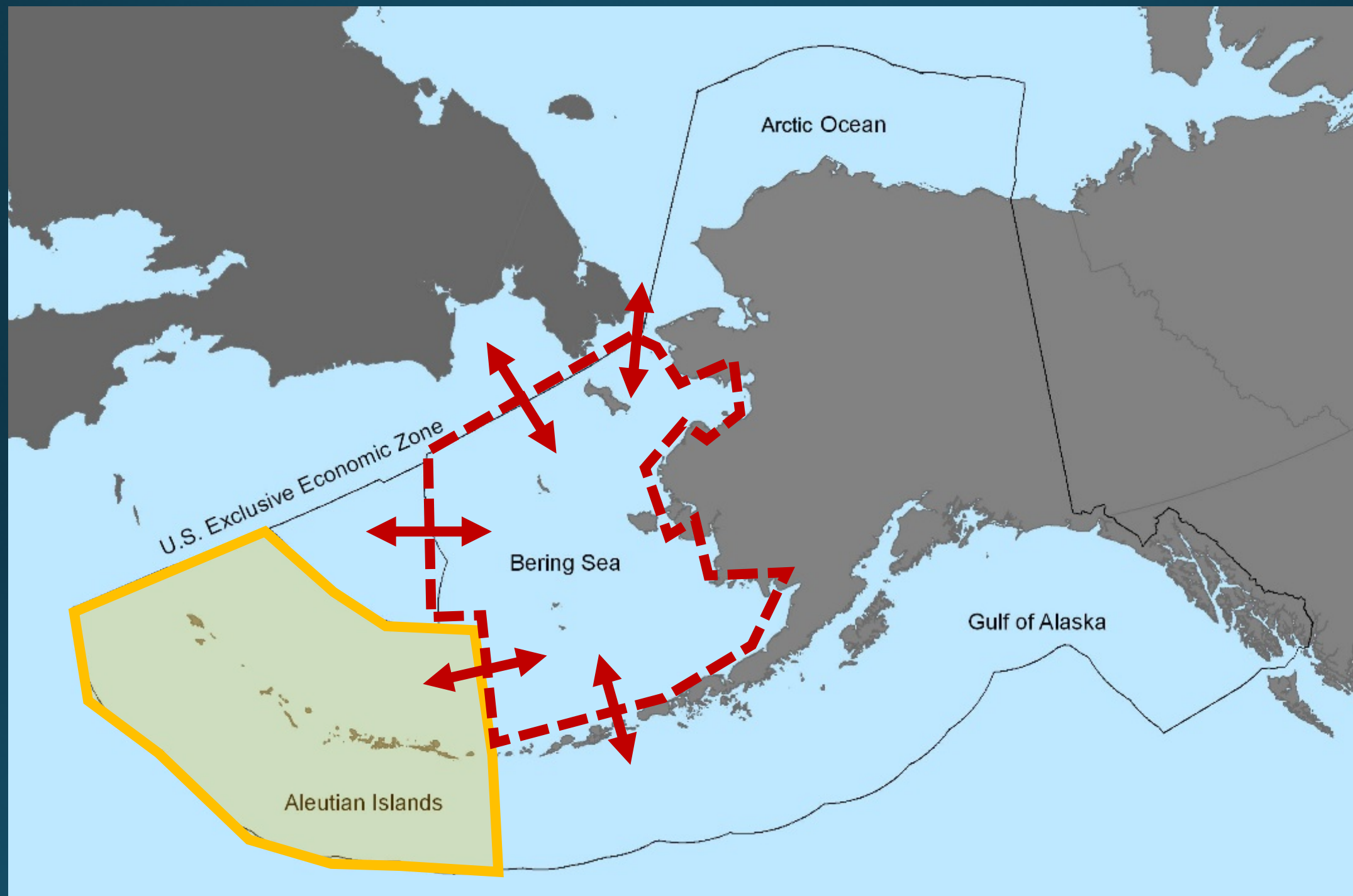




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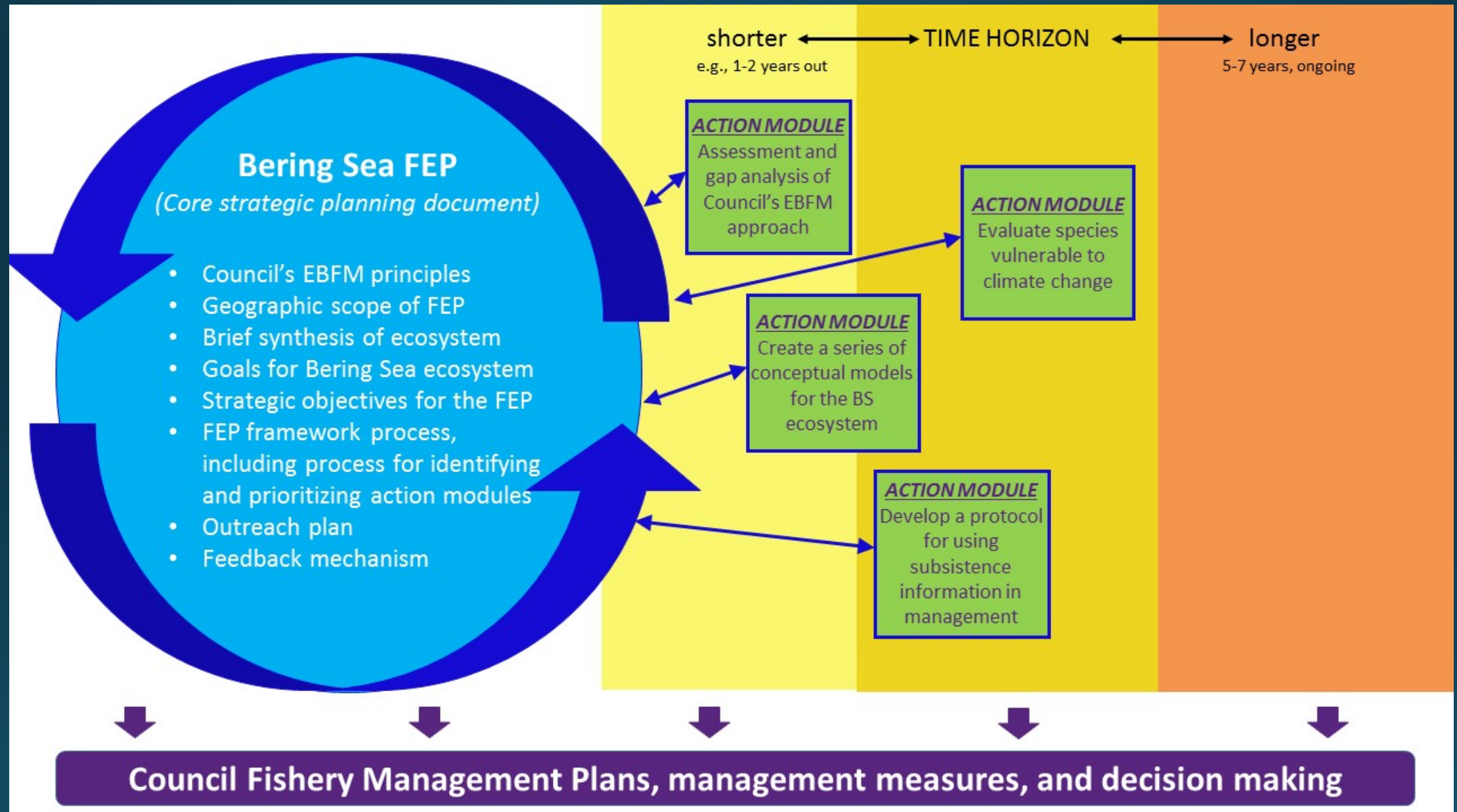
# Developing a Bering Sea FEP



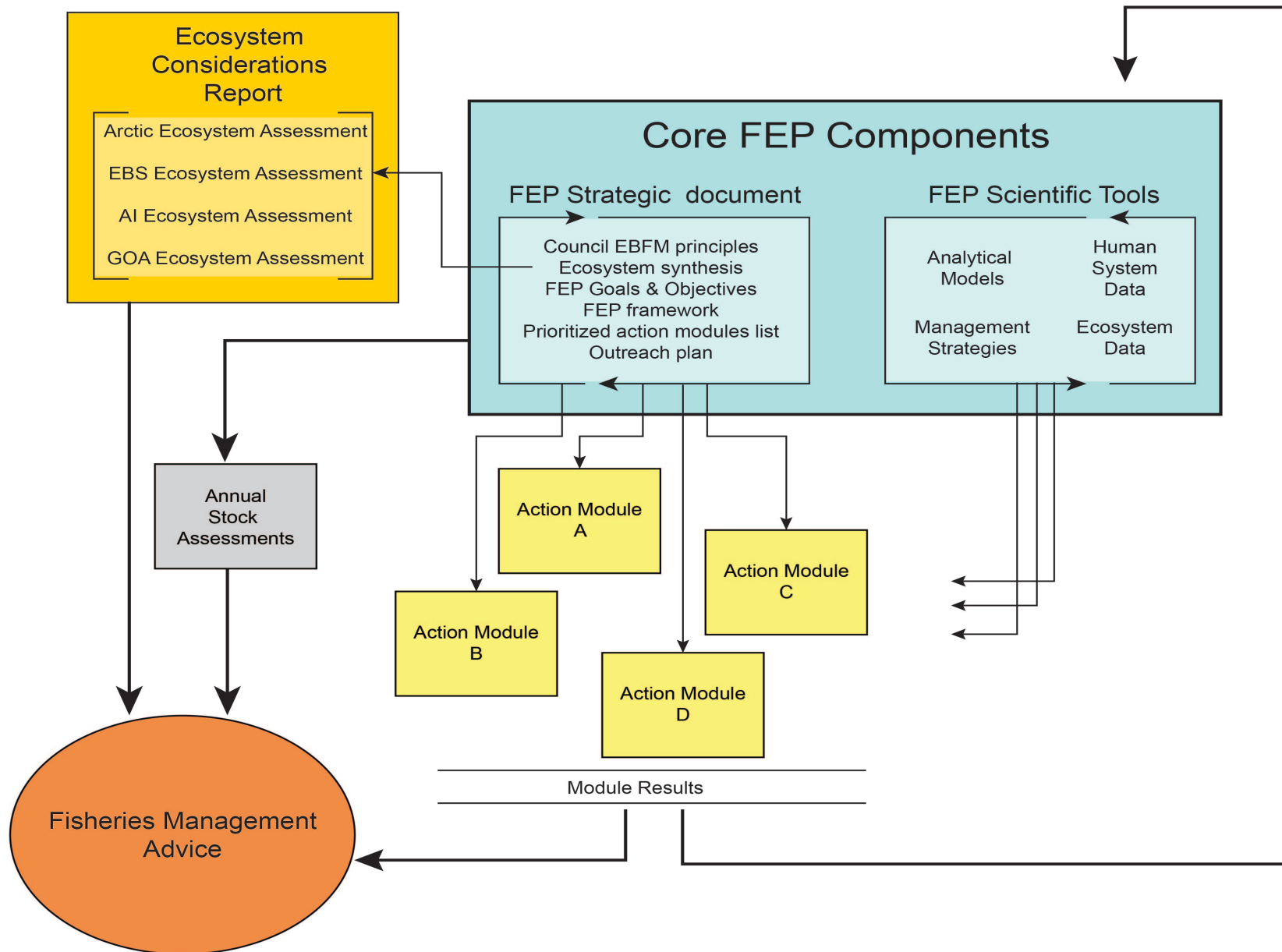


# Council intent for the FEP

- Strategic planning document
- **Value added** over the status quo
- Design a **process** more than a document
  - Inform but not overwhelm
  - Living process
- **Action informing but not action forcing**



## Fisheries Action Plan Process



# Value added

- **Transparency** – Council decision-making, role of EBFM, tradeoffs
- **Bridge** (“handshake”) between science and management
- Strategic **planning** opportunity (esp for research)
- Opportunities for **partnerships** (esp for non-fishery issues)
- Framework for building **decision-making tools**
- Identification of **ecosystem connections** relevant for management questions

# Useful products underway

- Map of the Council's current EBFM approach
- Research tracking
- Management onramps
- Diagrams to help illustrate connections and tradeoffs
- EBFM gap analysis



# Challenges

- Relationship of the FEP with **existing EBFM processes and documents**
  - Ecosystem status report, research priorities, etc.
- Managing **expectations**
- Setting **goals and objectives**
- **Dual purpose:**
  - Communication and transparency for a wider audience
  - Development of complex tools