

WEST COAST FORUM 2014
CO-MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

Coronado Island Marriott, Coronado, CA
September 3-5, 2014

Forum Objectives

The purpose of the 2014 West Coast Forum is to explore the roles of co-management and cooperative research in advancing management objectives, and promoting innovation and efficiency through sharing responsibility. Specifically, participants will:

- Enhance their understanding of co-management and cooperative research approaches;
- Explore examples of co-management and cooperative research in practice and draw lessons from those experiences;
- Consider the legal authorities, procedural mechanisms, analytical requirements, and tradeoffs associated with co-management arrangements;
- Discuss how cooperative research can be leveraged to support council decision-making;
- Examine the roles and responsibilities of councils, NOAA Fisheries and stakeholders in engaging in formal and informal partnerships; and
- Reflect on the role of leadership and relationship building in supporting innovative management and research arrangements.

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Welcome reception

Il Fornaio, 1333 1st Street. Walk from Coronado Island Marriott (directions provided). This is casual! Late arrivals are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, September 4

Meeting Room: Coronado Island Marriott, Salon A/B

7:30 – 8:30 am

Breakfast (provided) (Salon A/B Foyer)

8:30 – 9:00 am

Opening remarks and introductions

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John Henderschedt, Executive Director, Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum (Fisheries Forum)
- Participant and speaker introductions

9:00 – 10:00 am

Discussion: the meanings of “co-management” and “cooperative research”

Objective: Share perspectives on the concepts of co-management and cooperative research and consider the characteristics and outcomes ascribed to each.

Discussion questions:

- Based on your experience, how would you define co-management and cooperative research?
- What do you see as the benefits and limitations of these approaches in theory and in practice?

10:00 – 10:45 am

NOAA Fisheries working group and legal perspectives

Objective: Describe the objectives and current progress of the NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Research and Co-Management Working Group and provide insights into the legal framework for co-management and cooperative research.

Ms. Heather Sagar, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Policy, NOAA Fisheries

10:45 – 11:00 am

BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Origins of co-management: Northwest Indian Treaty Tribes

Objective: Provide a historical perspective on fisheries co-management in the US by exploring the establishment and evolution of the co-management partnership between the Northwest Indian Treaty Tribes and state and federal governments.

Mr. Craig Bowhay, Fisheries Policy Analyst, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

12:00 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH (*Currents Patio*)

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Public-private partnerships in co-management

Objective: Explore the use of public-private partnerships and performance standards in formal co-management arrangements between councils, NOAA Fisheries and industry.

Salmon bycatch in the North Pacific pollock fishery

Ms. Sally Bibb, Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries

Sector management in the New England groundfish fishery

Mr. Tom Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council

Discussion questions:

- What are the roles of councils, NOAA Fisheries and industry in public-private partnerships? What operational responsibilities need to be considered?
- How do you balance the flexibility and innovation needed to support co-management while still ensuring public transparency and input in the decision-making process?

Discussion questions (continued):

- Which management responsibilities are fishery participants well positioned to address, and which responsibilities need to remain under the authority and enforcement of the agency?

2:30 – 2:45 pm

BREAK

2:45 – 4:15 pm

Private-private partnerships in co-management

Objective: Explore how formal and informal private partnerships among resource users and stakeholder groups can be used to achieve co-management goals outside of traditional regulatory pathways.

Bycatch risk pools in Pacific groundfish fisheries

Mr. Bob Dooley, Trawl Fisherman, Half Moon Bay, CA

Bycatch avoidance networks in Mid-Atlantic and New England fisheries

Dr. Cate O'Keefe, Research Associate, University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology

Discussion questions:

- What are the roles of the councils and NOAA Fisheries in private partnerships? What steps can both management partners take to facilitate successful partnerships?
- What types of management challenges or objectives could introduce opportunities for private partnerships?
- Once private partnerships have been established, how might they inform the development of future council actions?

4:15 – 5:30 pm

Community co-management

Objective: Explore how co-management arrangements can engage communities and reflect on the benefits, challenges and important considerations in developing and executing community-level programs.

American Samoa's Community-Based Fisheries Management Program (CFMP)

Dr. Domingo Ochavillo, Chief Fisheries Biologist, American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources

Lessons learned from community co-management in the Western Pacific

Dr. Arielle Levine, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, San Diego State University

Discussion questions:

- What objectives and outcomes can be addressed through co-management at the community level that are not well addressed by fishery or region wide regulations?
- What limitations exist to the council's ability to manage collaboratively at the community scale?

6:30 – 9:30 pm

Cocktail reception and dinner

Peohe's, Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 1st Street. Walking directions provided.

Friday, September 5

7:30 – 8:30 am

Breakfast (provided) (*Salon A/B Foyer*)

8:30 – 8:45 am

Welcome and recap of Day 1

8:45 – 10:15 am

Innovation and proof of concept through exempted fishing permits

Objective: Explore the use of exempted fishing permits (EFPs) in fostering co-management through testing and refining new approaches to inform the council's consideration of management alternatives.

Electronic monitoring in the Pacific groundfish ITQ fishery

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council

Halibut bycatch handling in the North Pacific flatfish fishery

Mr. John Gauvin, Fisheries Research Projects Director, Alaska Seafood Cooperative

Discussion questions:

- How has your council typically been involved in the development and approval of EFPs?
- How can EFPs and pilot programs be leveraged to provide relevant insights at the right point in the council decision-making process?
- What considerations arise from using EFPs to experiment with new management approaches prior to the development of regulations?

10:15 – 10:30 am

BREAK

- 10:30 – 12:00 pm** **Small group discussion: Leveraging the attributes of co-management**
Objective: Discuss how the attributes of co-management (e.g. knowledge sharing, collaboration, etc.) can be leveraged in traditional management arrangements, and share experiences and perspectives on how councils identify, engage and support leaders within their fisheries.
Fisheries Forum facilitators
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **LUNCH** (*Bayside Lawn*)
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm** **Cooperative research in practice**
Objective: Explore the spectrum of cooperative research approaches and gain insights into how the different outputs inform different steps within the science and management processes.
- Cooperative research overview***
Dr. Suzanne Kohin, Highly Migratory Species Biology, Survey and Data Management Programs Leader, Fisheries Resources Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries
- Blueline tilefish EFP***
Dr. Brian Chevront, Fishery Economist, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- Scallop research set aside survey***
Dr. Cate O'Keefe, Research Associate, University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology
- Discussion questions:

 - What are some of the benefits and challenges that you have observed or experienced with cooperative research? What do you consider the “ingredients for success?”
 - Does engagement by fishery participants in cooperative research translate into increased engagement in the management process?
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm** **BREAK**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm** **Discussion: the role of councils in cooperative research**
Objective: Drawing on regional experiences, consider how capacity building partnerships and council research priorities can elevate the contributions of cooperative research to inform council decision-making.
Fisheries Forum facilitators

Discussion questions:

- How are cooperative research activities coordinated and prioritized among the management partners and research community in your region?
- What informal avenues exist for the council to encourage and inform cooperative research activities?

- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **Closing discussion: Opportunities and challenges in co-management and cooperative research**
Fisheries Forum facilitators
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm** **Closing comments and evaluations**
- 6:30 – 9:30 pm** **Cocktail reception and dinner**
Candelas on the Bay, Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 1st Street #115. Walking directions provided.