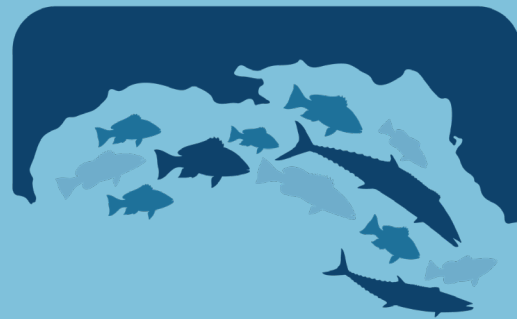


SCS-9 Theme Proposal: 2027



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A Brief Review

- Council Executive Directors agreed to postpone SCS9 until 2027
 - Current budget uncertainties, federal partner participation
 - Gulf Council still intends to host in 2027
- Theme Development:
 - SCS traditionally has heavy biology focus
 - Regional data availability and resources vary
 - Staff SCS steering committee focused on contemporary issues affecting all Councils and SSCs
 - Input from regional SSCs, staff



Proposed Theme

Strategies for Robust and Efficient Fisheries Science and Management

- Uncertainty in federal scientific and management landscape will affect Councils and their SSCs
- Councils still must meet requirements under the Magnuson-Stevens Act
- Need to maintain functionality as federal priorities, region-specific needs, and scientific capacity change
- SSCs need to respond to these challenges consistent with BSIA and variable available resources



Proposed Theme

Potential Sub-themes:

- Prioritizing high-value analyses and advice, provided efficiently, and with potentially limited resources?
- Bridging the gap between fishery science and realities of fishing
 - Supplement traditional data with social surveys, citizen science, CRP
- How to best collect and consider social and economic data to effectively support Council decision-making?



Questions?

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