

**Sustainable Fisheries Committee
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Agenda Item IV: Regulatory Streamlining Report

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Ms. Deirdre Boelke (Fisheries Insight Network) and Dr. Willy Goldsmith (Pelagic Strategies) will present a draft report for work contracted by the Council to conduct a regulatory process review of the other regional fishery management councils. The Council funded this work as part of its ongoing climate readiness and regulatory streamlining efforts, with the aim of identifying approaches used by other regions to improve the timeliness and throughput of incorporating updated scientific information into the management process and otherwise increase efficiency. This work is the first phase in the Council's regulatory streamlining efforts.

In the second phase, the Council will solicit a contractor to work with staff to operationalize prioritized findings from this regulatory process review, including analysis and document development. The Committee should evaluate the information presented, consider the applicability of the approaches identified in other regions for consideration in Gulf fisheries management, and make any recommendations to the contractors prior to submission of their final report in December. The Committee should also provide recommendations for streamlining approaches that they would like to operationalize in the second phase of the regulatory streamlining process.