

Administrative/Budget Committee: Action Schedule & Next Steps for Tab G

Agenda Item IV: Review 2026 Funded Budget and Activities

Timeline Status: Review, provide feedback, and approve via motion

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide a draft of the proposed 2026 funded budget (Tab G, No. 4).

In January 2026, the Committee reviewed a draft activities schedule and draft budget based on our 2025 funding level. All administrative funds have been received from NOAA for the 2026 fiscal year, totaling \$4,634,838. This is an increase over 2025, however \$323,650 is onetime funding to support operationalizing Executive Order 14276 "Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness". Staff revised the original budget to reflect planned activity for the remainder of 2026 and have included columns for year-to-date activity and the approved 2025 budget. The Committee should review the revised final 2026 budget, ask any questions, and consider passing a motion if approved.

Agenda Item V: Discussion of Future Funding Cycle, Timing, and Planning (Tab G, No. 5)

Timeline Status: Discuss and Provide Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will provide an overview of anticipated changes in the timing and amount of funding releases annually for the regional management councils' administrative awards. The Committee is asked to consider the information presented and provide feedback on potential ideas presented and any other direction to staff to manage future uncertainty in the timing and amounts of Council annual funding.
