



What have we accomplished?

- We have learned that the current management framework is working
 - Based on stock assessment update, reference points change slightly, stock status stays the same
- We now have results from ecosystem factors affecting blue crab study
 - How will we implement results?
- We have identified a list of research gaps
 - For example, Management Advice from Advisory Report includes:
 - Efficacy of the WDS as an index of abundance
 - Quantifying environmental factors related to recruitment variability

Proposed Next Steps

- 1) Task CBSAC to **prioritize** science needs (10 Advisory report; 10 Terms of Reference)
 - Identify top priorities with manager feedback
 - Identify CBSAC and jurisdictional technical capacity to address priority science needs (WDS workshop (include vessel changes and climate factors?))
 - How to incorporate-utilize results from ecosystem study?

2) Task CBSAC with reviewing which management measures most effective

3) Excomm and CBSAC meet to make decisions on stock assessment update

- Determine need for independent review of the update (modeling framework) and who would conduct review.
- Determine if we are we changing the reference points based on the update.
- Determine and document how often update occurs; Every year with advisory report?
- Decision criteria for benchmark

CBSAC Membership

- Rob O'Reilly (VMRC) will step down from CBSAC and nominates Alexa Kretsch as VMRC representative. Alexa is a fisheries management specialist and coordinates the VMRC Crab Management Advisory Committee.
- Lynn Fegley (MD DNR) will step down from CBSAC and nominates DNR representative Genine McClair. Genine is a program director managing MD DNR's blue crab program.
- Glenn Davis (MD DNR) will remain as Chairman for a second term.



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