Saltwater Recreational Fisheries
POLICY

SUMMIT VIDEO

Summit Agenda

1. **Angler Satisfaction: Management & Policy Considerations**

2. **Healthy Recreational Fisheries**

3. **Science & Data**

4. **Successful Relationships**

5. **Regional Engagement**

Discussion Highlights

Identified challenges

- Predictability and consistency
- Need for new management approaches
- Inadequate tools and resources re data collection
- Habitat loss
- Post-release survival
- Commercial orientation of decision-makers
- Communication
- Decentralized and diverse constituency
- Lack of angler involvement
- State/Federal coordination

Outcomes and Next Steps

Delivering on Summit commitments

National Policy

Finalize and distribute Summit report

Formulation of National Action Agenda

What is a
POLICY

Set of principles to guide

NOAA actions and decisions

over the long-term

What is a
POLICY

DOES:

Influence how we carry out responsibilities under the law

DOES NOT:

Have the force or effect of law

Create regulations

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Why do we need a
POLICY

1. Institutionalizes our commitment.

2. Guides agnecy decisions over the long-term.

3. Helps ensure recreational fishing will always have a seat at the table.
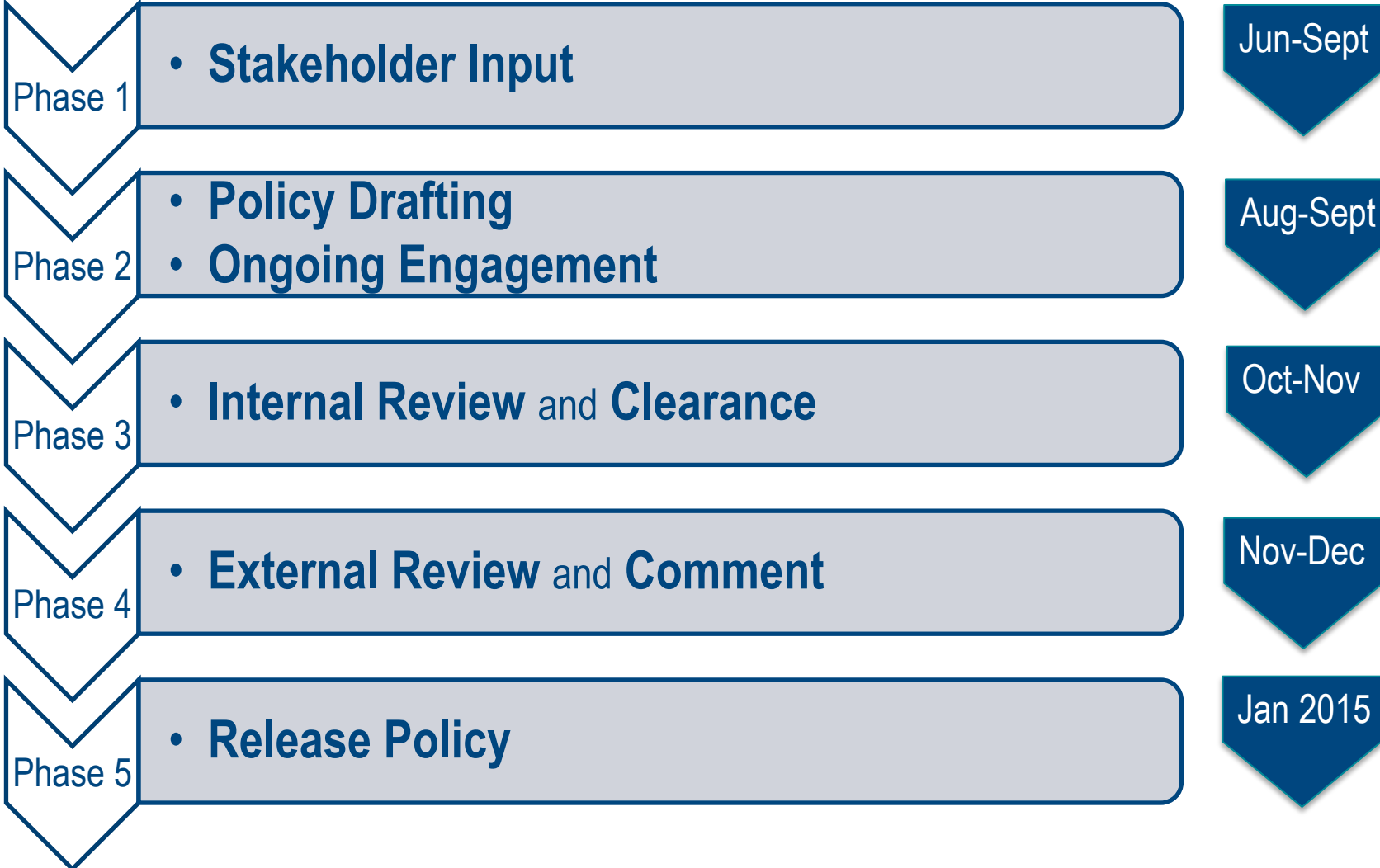
Building the
POLICY

Regional
Roundtables

MAFAC
White Paper

Recreational Saltwater
Fishing Summit

Morris-Deal
Commission
Report

Developing the
POLICY

Phase	Item	Timeline
Phase 1	• **Stakeholder Input**	Jun-Sept
Phase 2	• **Policy Drafting** • **Ongoing Engagement**	Aug-Sept
Phase 3	• **Internal Review** and **Clearance**	Oct-Nov
Phase 4	• **External Review** and **Comment**	Nov-Dec
Phase 5	• **Release Policy**	Jan 2015

Scope for the
POLICY

How do you define "recreational fisheries"?

Who and what constitutes recreational fisheries?

Possible components may include:
- Shore and private/non-for-hire vessel?
- For-hire vessels?
- Recreational fishing industries?
- Non-commercial fishermen?
- Expense fishing?
- Subsistence fishing?

Possible goals for the
POLICY

1. Foster and enhance sustainable, healthy, and diverse recreational/non-commercial fisheries and public access to them.

2. Integrate saltwater recreational/non-commercial considerations throughout NOAA and the federal fisheries management system.

3. Encourage partnership, engagement, and innovation.

4. Enhance transparency, follow-through, and long-term continuity of action.
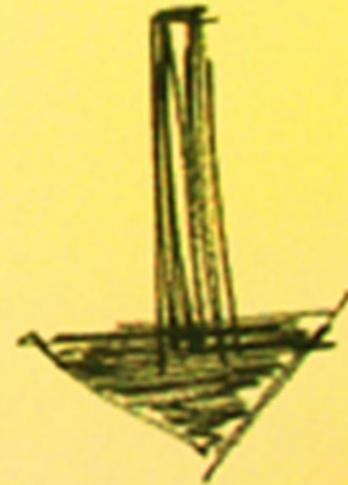
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Recap

1. We're delivering on our promise.

2. The policy is a set of high-level principles to guide Agency decisions over the long-term.

3. Input and suggestions should be submitted up until September 12.

4. A draft policy will be available for review this fall.

Thank you for your comments.

Tell your friends and colleagues.

Submit comments and follow our progress online at
www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/recreational/
And on Twitter @ *#ifishsaltwater*

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Goal 1: Management

Q1: What would you like us to know?

Q2: How should we incorporate these considerations in the policy?

What we've heard…

Manage recreational fisheries differently than commercial fisheries.

Consider socio-economics as management is being formulated.

Seek management and accountability compatibility with recreational fisheries.

Periodically review allocations.

Better understand and manage for angler satisfaction.

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DISCUSSION STARTERS

Goal 1: Conservation and Enhancement

Q1: What would you like us to know?

Q2: How should we incorporate these considerations in the policy?

What we've heard…

Support science-based conservation efforts focused on recreational fisheries.

Find ways to empower anglers as resource stewards and incentivize conservation.

Recognize role of forage species.

Support enhancement efforts such as artificial reefs and stock enhancements.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Goal 2: Recreational Fishing Considerations

Q1: What would you like us to know?

Q2: How should we incorporate these considerations in the policy?

What we've heard…

Support equitable balance of Council membership.

Better incorporate rec fishing in Agency planning.

Hire a full-time rec coordinator in each NOAA Fisheries region.

Explore new co-management options with the states.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Goal 3: Partnership, Engagement, and Innovation

Q1: What would you like us to know?

Q2: How should we incorporate these considerations in the policy?

What we've heard…

Work cooperatively to collect biological, catch, and socio-economic data from anglers.

More listening and conversation.

Encourage cooperation among anglers and scientists on research and data analysis.

Find ways to work together to support conservation and enhancement efforts.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Goal 4: Transparency, Follow-through, and Continuity

Q1: What would you like us to know?

Q2: How should we incorporate these considerations in the policy?

What we've heard...

Updates on status of NOAA commitments.

Long-term funding for rec programs.

Better communicate about status of rulemaking and science.