



**NOAA Fisheries and the Coast:**  
***Exploring Opportunities for a National***  
***Working Waterfronts Policy?***

Tacoma, WA

# Panelists

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# Audience

- Commercial fishermen?
- Recreational fishermen?
- Boaters?
- Ecotourists?
  - Divers & snorkelers
  - whalewatchers



# Formation of Law & Policy

- Layers of Law
  - From constitutional rights to policy guidance
- Evolution of Law
  - From ideas to codification
- Alphabet Soup
  - FACA? MAFAC?

# Diversity: Stakeholder & Regional

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# Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

Connecting NOAA Fisheries  
with Working Waterfronts



## 50 C.F.R. §600.310

# National Standard 1--Optimum Yield

(a) Standard 1. Conservation and management measures shall **prevent overfishing** while achieving, on a continuing basis, **the optimum yield** (OY) from each fishery for the U.S. fishing industry.



# But what is “optimum yield?”

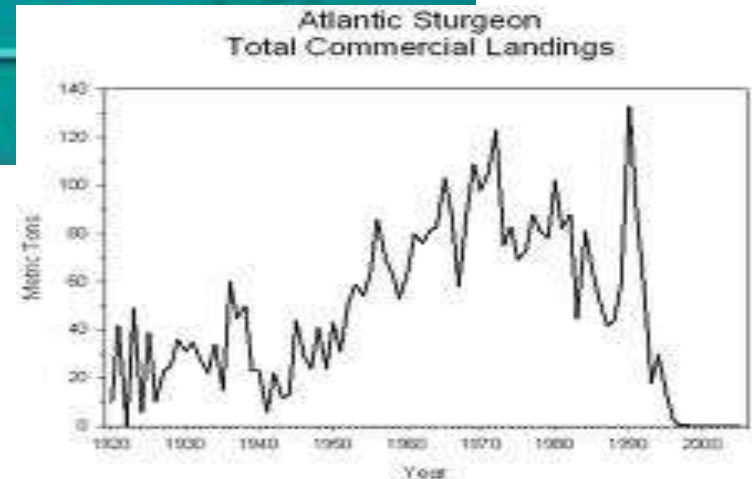
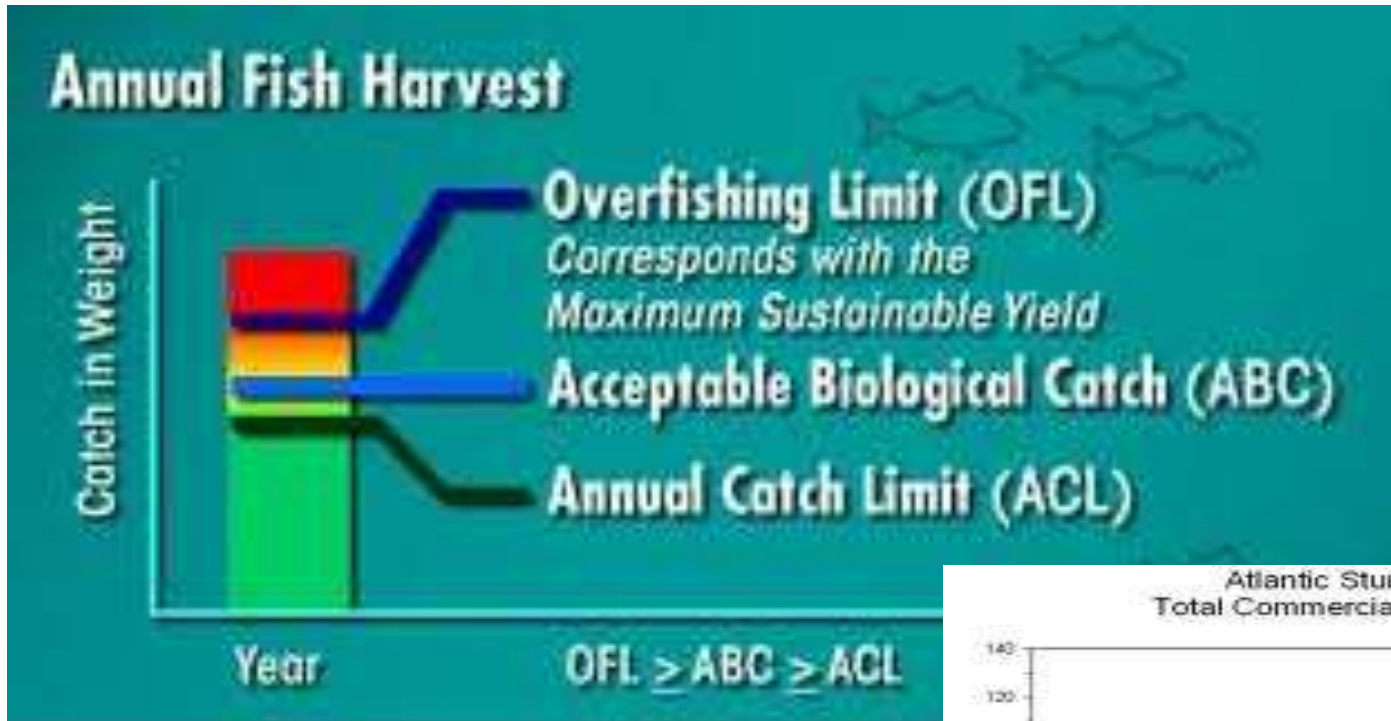


Figure 42.2. Total U.S. commercial landings (mt) of Atlantic sturgeon.

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(1) Provide for *sustained participation* of such communities; and

(2) To the extent practicable, *minimize adverse economic impacts* on such communities.

# A National Working Waterfronts Policy: Panel Discussion

## Stakeholder Perspective

## Topics to Explore

Commercial fisheries

Benefits to working waterfronts

Recreational fisheries

Major concerns and challenges

Aquaculture industry

Specific recommendations

Habitat protection

Potential for policy consensus

# Exploring a National Working Waterfronts Policy?

Themes, Obstacles & Opportunities

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# Themes

- DATA & METHODS: more precision in socio-economic data to support regulatory decision making
- THE FEDERAL FAMILY: improved coordination between federal agencies, especially on mitigation
- NOAA OUTREACH: enhanced federal outreach to and communication with state and local governments and stakeholders



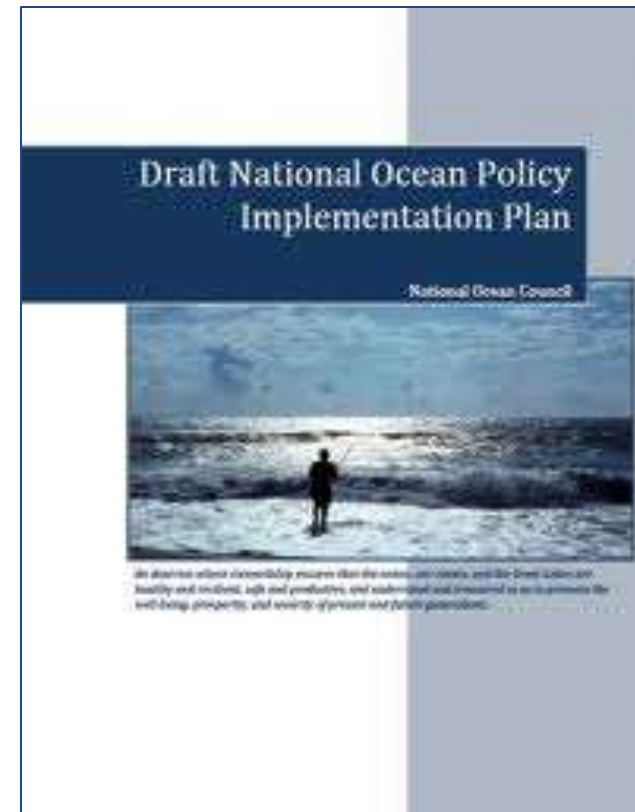
# Existing MSA Regulations

## 50 C.F.R. §600.310(l)(4)

- (4) *National Standard 8 (see § 600.345)*. National Standard 8 directs the Councils to apply economic and social factors towards sustained participation of fishing communities and to the extent practicable, minimize adverse economic impacts on such communities within the context of preventing overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks as required under National Standard 1. Therefore, calculation of OY as reduced from MSY should include economic and social factors, but the combination of management measures chosen to achieve the OY **must principally be designed to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks.**

# The National Ocean Policy

- Executive Order
- Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force
- Draft National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan



# The National Ocean Policy & Ecosystem Based Management

- Develop and initiate an **outreach and education** program to inform stakeholders and the public of the benefits and principles of EBM...
- Develop introductory and advanced **training** materials **for Federal managers** and scientists to obtain a **common understanding of EBM** principles, best practices, and latest decision support tools...

# The National Ocean Policy & Economic Opportunity

- Scientific information will *increase opportunities for economic growth*, create new jobs, and optimize traditional ocean uses such as working waterfronts, sustainable fisheries, tourism, and domestically produced energy.
- *Collaboration* among Federal government agencies, private industry, and other partners will facilitate the transition from basic research to applying the findings in commercial markets.

# The National Ocean Policy & Coastal Habitat Restoration

- The capability of coastal habitats to sequester carbon is an important but undervalued ecosystem service. It could provide incentives for increased protection of these habitats. This capability requires increased protection and restoration of salt marsh, mangrove, and sea grass habitats and **better implementation of mitigation requirements** for impacts to these systems.

# The Long and Winding Road ...

Tacoma Conference?

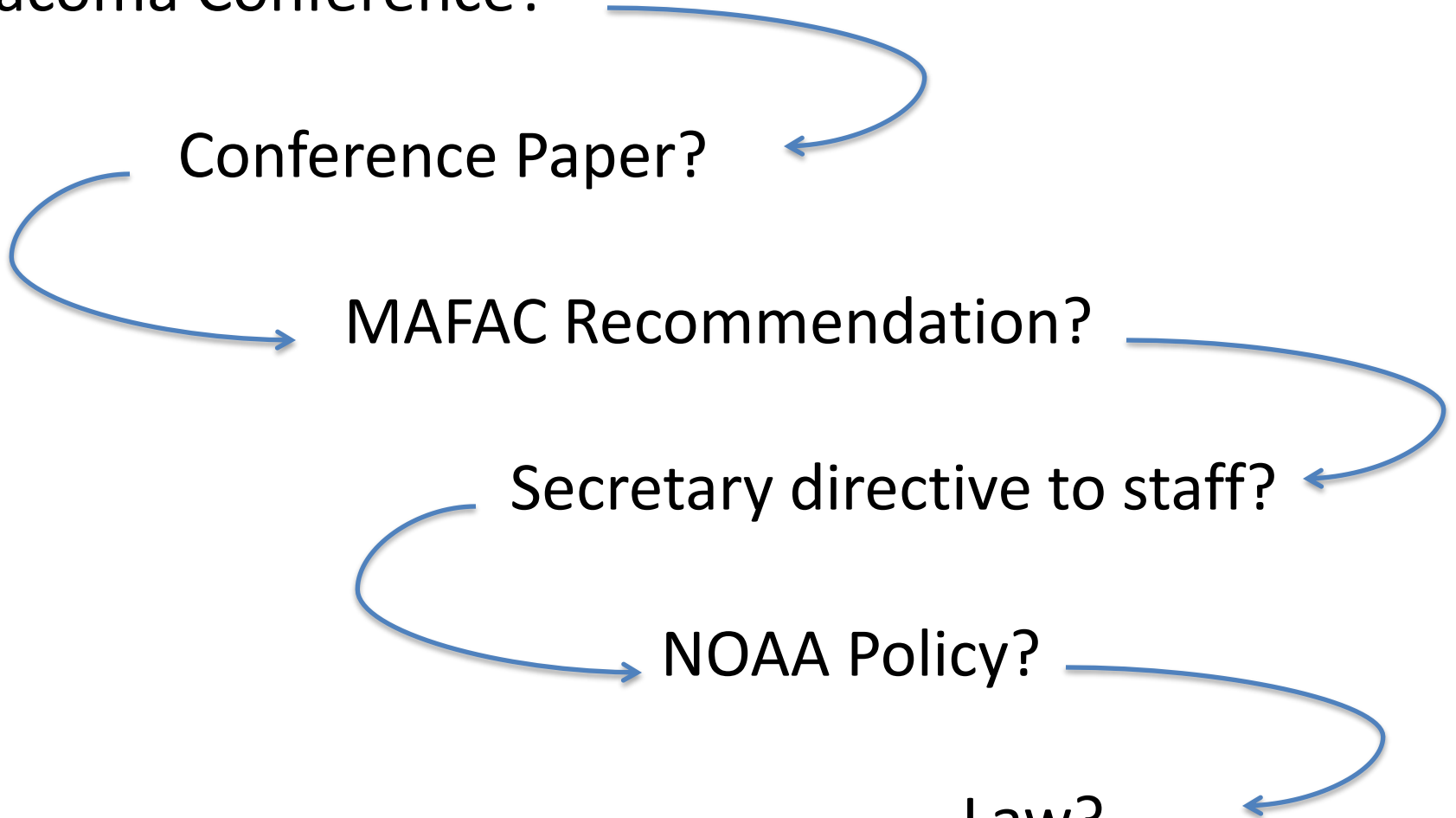
Conference Paper?

MAFAC Recommendation?

Secretary directive to staff?

NOAA Policy?

Law?



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# Discussion

