

CCC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COFI 34

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REPORT FROM COFI 33 TO CCC IN MAY 2019

- Summary of Agenda Items
- Recommendations for CCC engagement

PREPARATION FOR COFI 34 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CCC CONSIDERATION

- Provide CCC guidance on likely major issues
- Designate CCC representative to US delegation
- Advance Preparation for CCC representative
 - Establish expectations
 - Maximizing effectiveness

COFI 34 – POTENTIAL MAJOR ISSUES

- Aquaculture – FAO code of best practices
- Trade – concern about increasing barriers (COFI 33 was prior to recent tariff wars)
- IUU – port state management measures, Global Record
- Climate change – 2019 was a watershed year for many areas
- Abandoned, Lost, Discarded Fishing Gear – voluntary guidelines on gear marking
- Marine Mammal Mortality Recommendations -- determine US position

COFI 34 – POTENTIAL ISSUES TO MONITOR

- Trawl guidelines -- just introduced, not considered in COFI 33
- Small scale and artisanal fisheries – 2022 is the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Marine debris -- connection with gear marking, with bycatch and with reducing marine mammal mortality
- Biodiversity -- BBNJ
- Labor conditions -- a primary focus of EU and some other countries, and some NGOs

COFI 34 -- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RMC ENGAGEMENT

- Designate representative
- Establish Expectations
 - represent the CCC and all 8 Councils
 - Review prior reports and discuss with previous representatives
 - Provide a report for the CCC record
 - Maintain continuity for CCC
 - Participate in development of US position by NMFS and State
 - Items to monitor at COFI