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East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: Public Invitation to Attend Scenario Deepening Webinars

Over the past year, East Coast fishery management bodies have been collaborating on a [climate change scenario planning initiative](#) designed to prepare fishing communities and fishery managers for an era of climate change. The goals of this project are to:

- Assess how climate change might affect stock distribution and availability of East Coast marine fisheries over the next 20 years; and
- Identify the implications for fishery management and governance.

In June 2022, roughly 70 stakeholders attended a [workshop](#) to develop an initial set of scenarios describing several different possible futures facing East Coast fisheries out to 2042. As the next step in the process, two Scenario Deepening webinars will be held in August 2022. These webinars will offer all interested stakeholders an opportunity to review, validate, and add details to the draft scenarios.

Webinar Details and Registration Links

Each two-hour session will begin with an overview of the outputs and stories from the draft scenarios. Participants will then have an opportunity to add comments and suggestions to make the scenarios more plausible, challenging, relevant, memorable, and divergent.

For each scenario, workshop attendees will be encouraged to imagine specific examples about impacts to particular species, regions, and communities.

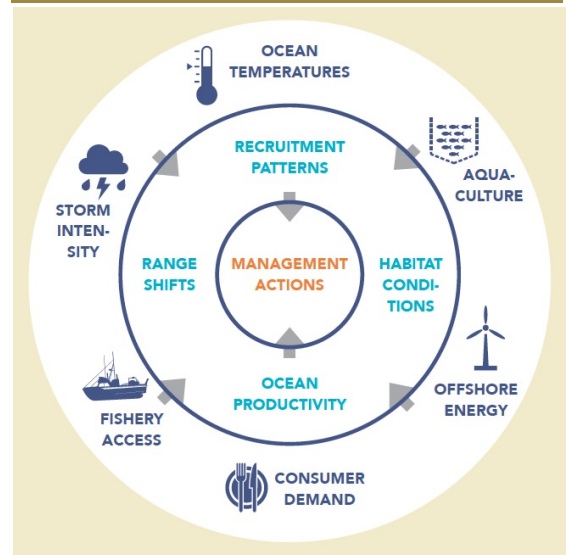
IMPORTANT: Participants only need to attend **one** of the two webinars. Please use the links below to register:

- [Wednesday, August 17, 2022](#) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- [Tuesday, August 23, 2022](#) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The scenario creation workshop summary, including a description of the draft scenarios, is being developed and will

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be posted [here](#) once available. Participants are encouraged to review this summary before the webinars and come prepared to share comments on the specific scenarios.

Once again, stakeholder involvement is key, and these webinars are open to the public. The two webinars will result in a more detailed set of scenarios that will be used as a platform for later stages of the process, looking specifically at how fishery management and governance must change to be prepared for a future of climate change.

Learn More

- Read the [introductory brochure](#) (at right).
- Find out more about the previous phases of this initiative, which covered:
 - Phase 1 – [Orientation](#)
 - Phase 2 – [Scoping](#)
 - Phase 3 – [Exploration](#)
 - Phase 4 – [Scenario Creation Part 1, June 2022 Workshop](#)
- Webinar recordings and background documents for the different phases of this initiative are posted on the [planning website](#).
- Registration links for the August webinars are posted [HERE](#) under Phase 4, Scenario Creation.

What is Scenario Planning?

“Scenario planning is a tool that managers can use to test decisions or develop strategy in a context of uncontrollable and uncertain environmental, social, political, economic, or technical factors.”

EAST COAST CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIO PLANNING

An initiative designed to prepare fishing communities and fishery managers for an era of climate change

Starting in 2021, the management bodies shown on the right are collaborating on a multi-year scenario planning initiative along the entire US Atlantic seaboard.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Attend a kick-off webinar
- Complete a questionnaire
- Keep informed

See Page 4 for more details.

Visit the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning [Webpage](#)

~ The organizations below are participants in this initiative. ~



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