Social and economic considerations for addressing West Coast entanglements

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Fisheries as social-ecological systems





Socioeconomic "Essential Fishery Information"

- Demographics
- Operations
- Practices
- Values, preferences, needs
- Attitudes, opinions, beliefs
- Institutions
- Relationships and networks
- Capital
- Employment
- Expenditures
- Revenues
- Environmental factors
- Macroeconomic factors

Managing entanglements: Some social and economic questions

How do management options affect...

- space use in the fishery, viz. other fisheries, other uses?
- timing and location of shoreside infrastructure use and operations?
- relationships among fishermen, buyers, shoreside support providers, other community members, managers, consumers?
- social and economic well-being of fishery participants, families, communities?



Iterative, stepwise process

- *Building the social baseline* Characterize the fishery's human system
- Scoping

Identify fishery/issue-specific questions and options

• Selecting relevant social variables for investigation

Identify key concepts and associated variables suggested by management questions

• Synthesizing and analyzing data to address management question

Use appropriate analytical approaches to compare management impacts and outcomes for individuals, groups and communities



Data streams, information, understanding and application

- Data v. information v. understanding
- Range and relevance of socioeconomic "essential fishery information"
- Appropriate methodologies
 - qualitative
 - quantitative
- Integrate diverse sources
 - available data and other information
 - documents and other media
 - fishery participants', managers' and others' knowledge
 - ground-truthing is critical



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