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NWFSC Overview

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Outline

NW Fisheries Science Center – High level overview

Sustainable, Safe & Secure Seafood for Healthy Populations & Vibrant Communities

Ecosystem Approach to Improve Management of Marine Resources



Recovery & Rebuilding of Marine & Coastal Species

Habitats to Support Sustainable Fisheries & Recovered Populations

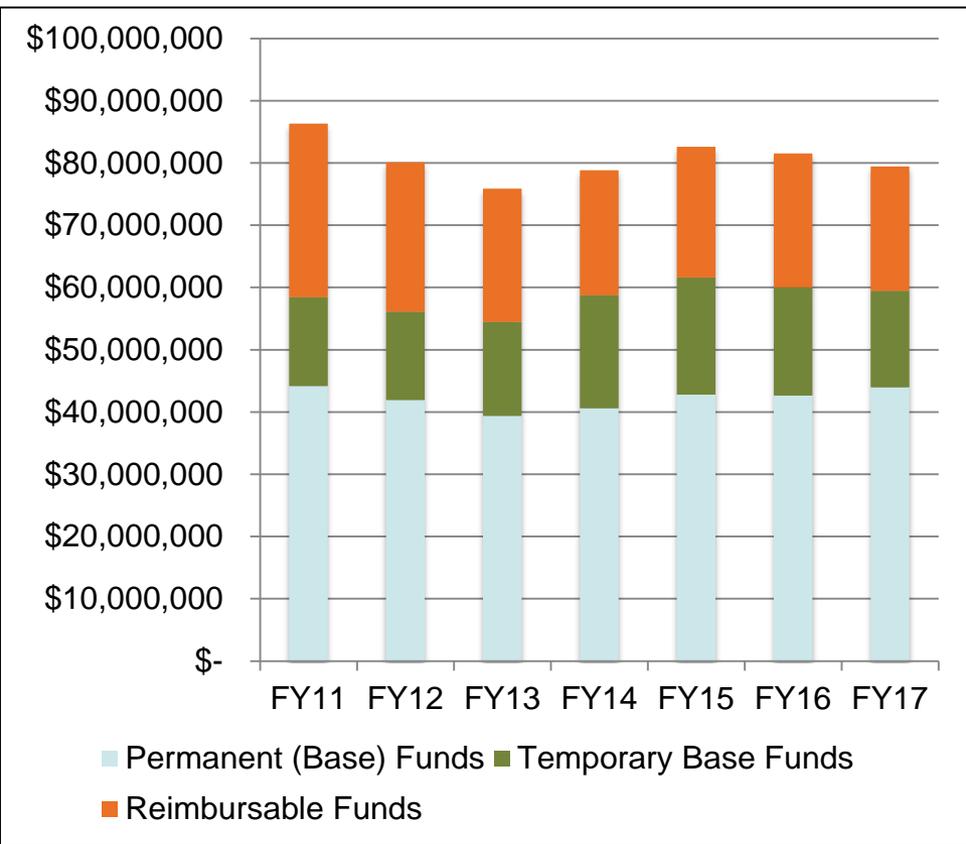


NMFS Funding (FY17, millions)

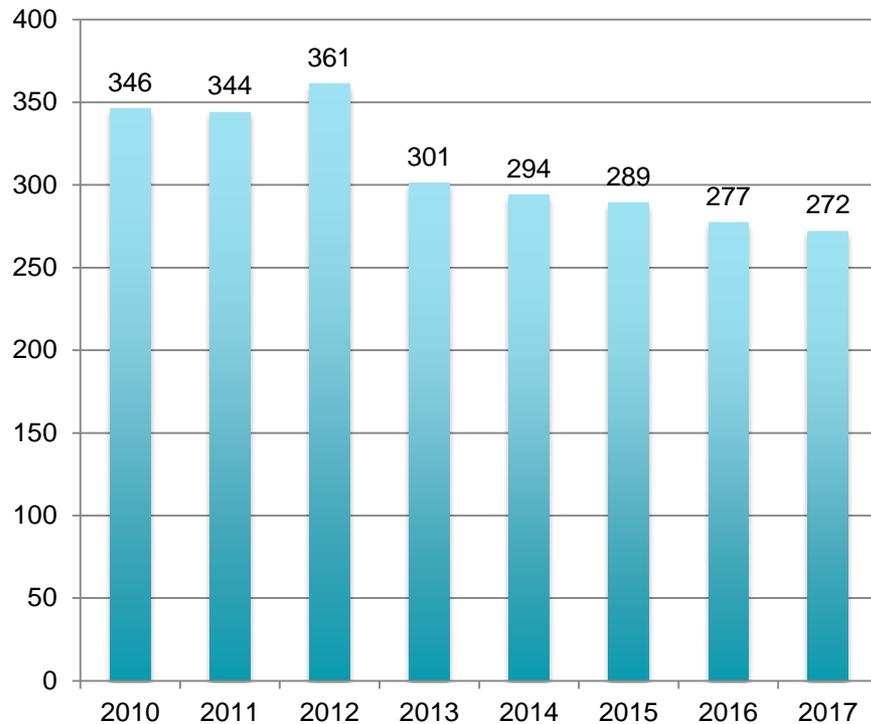
Funding Category ('Base' Funds)

Fish	22.9
Mammals (SRKW)	1.4
Pacific Salmon	10.2
West Coast Observers	5.2
Other Activities	4.3
Total ('Base' Funds)	44.0
Temp NMFS	15.5
Total NMFS	59.5

Budget Trend



Workforce Trend



NWFSC Economics and Social Science

Two major programs in NWFSC focus on Economics and Social Science:

Economics and Social Science Research Program - Examines the impact of West Coast fishing on communities and regional economies, including how fishery management decisions affect communities and environmental conditions.

Program Manager: Jerry Leonard

Human Dimensions Team - Conducts economic and sociocultural research spanning all marine species and ecosystems

Program Manager: Dan Holland

Setting NWFSC Priorities

Strategic Plan provides foundation

Mandates drive our priorities (MSA, MMPA, ESA, etc.)

Implementation Process:

- Online Project Database*
- Project descriptions
- Project rankings
- Criteria (*next slide*)

Annual guidance memos since 2013

Note: This is an evolving process.

**Project database now joint effort NW, SW and AK Centers*



Project Ranking Criteria (evolving)

Would other organizations conduct this activity if the NWC did not?

Is this Activity essential to achieve strategic plan goals and objectives?

How will the products of this Activity inform management? (stock assessments or fishery/protected species management rated high)

Is the Activity one of the focus areas in the current Annual Guidance memorandum?



Directors' Guidance for FY 18 – AGM Focus Areas

- **Organizational Excellence** – Improve our organization and define NWFSC of the future.
- **Ensure the sustainability of fisheries and fishing communities** – Conduct science to support MSA responsibilities.
- **Recover and conserve protected species** – Conduct science to support ESA and MMPA responsibilities.



Thank you!

Questions?