

ACCSP Governance Review



Governance Workgroup

May 2016

ACCSP's 2012 Independent Program Review's (IPR) recommendations to “undergo a governance review”



2012 Independent Program Review Panel Report

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program

10 October 2012

IPR Panel:

- Situation today is very different than when ACCSP was created.
- ACCSP needs a better relationship and interface with ASMFC.
- Consideration placing ACCSP as a program under ASMFC:
 - Could re-engage the state directors, provide an economy of scale, improvements to efficiency, working relationships strengthened, resources leveraged, etc.

Governance Ad-Hoc Workgroup and Terms of Reference (TOR)

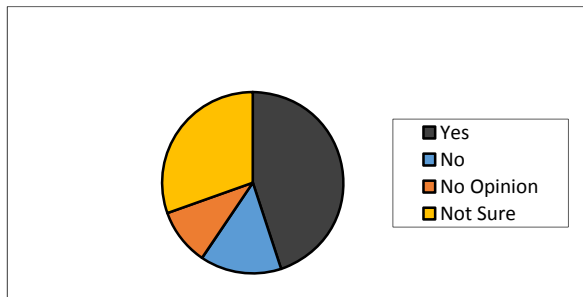
Governance Ad-Hoc Workgroup (ACCSP CC & Ops Members)

Formulated 4 TOR's and conducted a survey

1. Is there still a significant concern in combining a data collection program and a regulatory agency into a single entity?
2. Review the governance and scope of the other Fisheries Information Programs to provide a basis for comparison.
3. Review the current governance and operating environment of the ACCSP with particular emphasis seven areas.
4. Provide the Coordinating Council with options for a potential reorganization (if deemed necessary) that ensures continued representation of state and non-state (NOAA Fisheries, Fishery Management Council's, etc.) Program Partners in the decision making processes of the ACCSP.

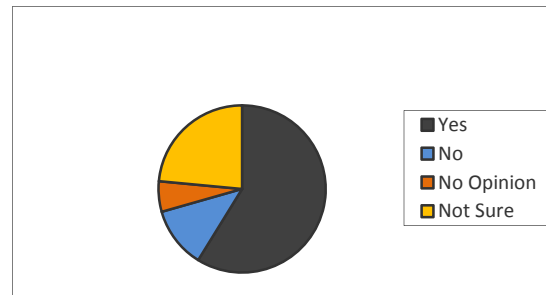
Would incorporation into the ASMFC be likely to enhance ACCSP's ability to achieve a higher profile and a higher level of stature and recognition?

All respondents (70)



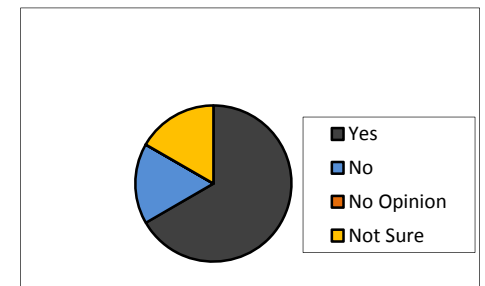
45% Yes
15% No
10% No Opinion
30% Not Sure

Coordinating Council (17)



59% Yes
12% No
6% No Opinion
23% Not Sure

Advisor's (6)



67% Yes
17% No
0% No Opinion
17% Not Sure

4 Alternatives Developed to Consider for Future Governance

1. *Alternative 1—Status Quo*
2. *Alternative 2—Enhanced Integration into ASMFC/ACCSP Remains Independent*

(The Workgroup has determined Alt 1 and Alt 2 are the same with the exception of supervision/oversight)

3. *Alternative 3—Fold ACCSP into ASMFC as a Program*
4. *Alternative 4—Create stand-alone agency/organization to run program.*

Governance Ad-Hoc Workgroup Recommendations

Alternative 3—Fold ACCSP into ASMFC as a Program

- *Be congruent with existing ASMFC programs (ISFMP)*
- *The ASMFC Executive Director would directly supervise the ACCSP Director and all staff would be governed by existing ASMFC governance structures*
- *Data collection and management programs should be considered equal*
- *ACCSP may hold a higher priority with state directors, ACCSP partners, and stakeholders under ASMFC*
- *ACCSP should be maintained as a partner-driven committee process from the Technical Committees up to the Coordinating Council (Strength of Program)*
- *Maintain a bottom-up management approach that incorporate all partners input to alleviate conflict of data collection/management program under a regulatory organization*
- *If changed, Workgroup be developed to develop recommendations of restructure consisting of:*
 - *Governance Ad-Hoc Workgroup members,*
 - *other Coordinating Council members,*
 - *Operations and Advisory Committee members (interested),*
 - *ASMFC and ACCSP staff,*
 - *ASMFC Commissioners (interested)*

The ACCSP Executive Committee and Coordinating Council have approved the recommendations.

The ASMFC Executive Committee has developed a motion that passed unanimously

Move that the Executive Committee bring forward to the full Commission, for its consideration, the integration of the ACCSP under ASMFC governance.

(Motion by Mr. Keliher; second by Mr. Woodward)

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Committee motion

Motion passes unanimously