

Climate Program Office Review

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Supporting Review Activity Area 2
Climate and Societal Interactions

The Climate and Fisheries Adaptation Program (CAFA)

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- Briefing Purpose: Overview of the Climate and Fisheries Adaptation (CAFA) Program
- Context: Subactivity for Activity Area 2;
 CAFA is part of CPO's Climate and Societal Interactions Division
- Joint partnership between CPO and NOAA Fisheries



Adaptation Sciences: Program Foci

NOAA-CPO AdSci Program

Mission: To advance the knowledge, methods and frameworks needed to move society beyond incremental adaptation toward more widespread, connected, adaptive pathways, and resilience strategies with clear economic and societal co-benefits.

Lines of Effort: AdSci's current programmatic foci (Adaptation Pathways, Water, Coastal, Fisheries and International) are shown in this graphic, highlighting AdSci's unique research and partnerships.



Focus & Activities: Funding research, engaging in communities of practice, to better understand the interactions, impacts, and vulnerabilities of the coastal built and natural environment in a changing climate

Examples of Key Partners: NOAA, NMFS, Academics, NGOs



Ad. Pathways

Focus & Activities: Research designed to advance knowledge about key drivers and conditions that shape and enable adaptation across multiple temporal and spatial scales (e.g., socioeconomic considerations and adaptive behaviors, risk perception, public awareness and education)

Examples of Key Partners: Research community, decision and policy makers in focused sectors

*NOFO Focus in FY22





Focus & Activities: Advancing understanding of climate related impacts on fish stocks and fisheries and fishing dependent communities; develop tools and information to promote adaptation and resilience of the nation's fisheries and fishing dependent communities

Examples of Key Partners: NMFS, Academic, and **Federal Partners**



Water

Focus & Activities: Funding research, leading studies, producing webinar series, and supporting communities of practice focused on the needs of stakeholders within the water resource management sector

Examples of Key Partners: NOAA NESDIS, OAR, and NWS; and major US water, planning and utility NGOs

*NOFO Focus in FY21



International

Focus & Activities: Supporting technical collaboration, knowledge development and peerto-peer learning through internationally-focused partnerships

Examples of Key Partners: State Department, NCEI, NOAA/OAR PSL, NOAA MPA Center, EPA

*NOFO Focus in FY21 *NOFO Focus in FY22 & FY23 *Potential NOFO Focus: FY23

CAFA 101:Promoting sustainable and resilient fisheries



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CAFA Calls for

Proposals

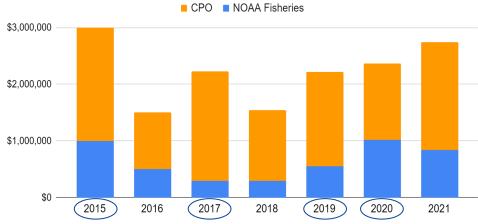
2015: Climate impacts on fisheries and fishing-dependent communities in the Northeast

2017: Climate impacts on fisheries and fishing-dependent communities in the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic and California Current

2019: Resilience of Northeast fishing communities

2020: Advancing integrated ocean modeling and decision support frameworks

CPO and NOAA Fisheries Funding CAFA Funding by Year





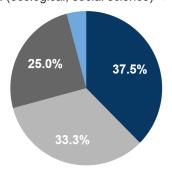


CAFA Program by the Numbers



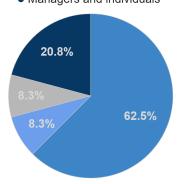
Types of Projects Funded by CAFA

Modeling
 Integrated (ecological/modeling, social science)
 Integrated (ecological, social science)
 Conference



End User of CAFA Projects

Fisheries Managers
 Academia/scientific community
 Individuals (fishers, communities, supply chain)
 Managers and individuals



Number CAFA Projects Funded by Region



Funding for CAFA Projects by Region



Key Accomplishments (FY17-21)

Quality Total Publications: 90

Alexander, M. A., S. Shin, J. D. Scott, E. Curchitser, C. Stock (2020), *The Response of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean to Climate Change,* Journal of Climate.

Holsman, K. K., A. Haynie, A. B. Hollowed, A. J. Hermann, W. Cheng, A. Faig, J. Ianelli, K. Kearney, A. Punt, J. Reum. (2020). *Ecosystem based fisheries management forestalls climate-driven collapse*. Nature Communications. 11:4579.

Zang, Z., Ji, R., Feng, Z., Chen, C., Li, S., Davis, C.S. (2021), Spatially varying phytoplankton seasonality on the Northwest Atlantic Shelf: a model-based assessment of patterns, drivers, and implications. ICES J. Mar. Sci.

Smith, S. L., Golden, A. S., Ramenzoni, V., Zemeckis, D. R., & Jensen, O. P. (2020). Adaptation and resilience of commercial fishers in the Northeast United States during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. PloS one.

CAFA Research Advances:

- Climate-related Information
- Decision-maker Capacity
- Climate-Ready Management
- Resilience and Adaptation









Key Accomplishments (FY17-21)



Relevance

Strategic Partnerships:

 NOAA Fisheries Science Centers: AKFSC, NEFSC, NWFSC, PIFSC, SWFSC

OAR Labs: ESRL, GFDL

NGOs: GMRI

• Federal: USGS, FWS, Fishery Management Councils

<u>Academia:</u> Oregon State University, Rutgers University, URI, WHOI, among others

Actively engaged with key NOAA/CPO priorities: Climate and Fisheries Initiative (CFI), EBFM, CPO Strategic Plan, NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy, CPO DEIA Strategic Plan FY21-25

<u>Tools and Products</u>: GMRI Data Dashboard, Ocean Adapt, ACLIM

Specific Mandates: Magnuson-Stevens Act; Department of Commerce Climate Action Plan; Sec. 216(c) of E.O. 14008 (Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad)

<u>Responds to priority needs:</u> U.S. National Climate Assessment; NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy; Regional Action Plans; CFI

CAFA-Funded Labs and Institutes (FY2017-2022)



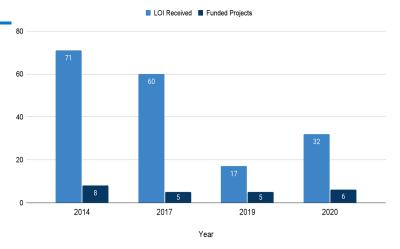
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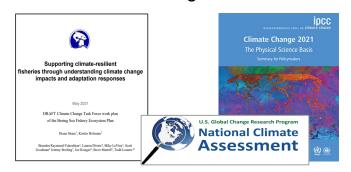
In the past 5 years,

- 24 projects funded across 5 regions
- 11 stakeholder workshops
- 73 students supported
- Pls contributing to NCA and IPCC reports
- Contribute to climate-informed stock assessments & regional fishery management actions
- Social-ecological vulnerability assessment framework developed for fishing communities
- 3 fishing community adaptation profiles developed in the NE
- Development of MSE decision-support tools to evaluate best management options in a changing climate
- **PI Community of Practice** developed (FY2020 PIs): learning network to advance innovation

CAFA LOI Received vs Funded Projects



- Significant needs
- Focused calls over time
- Limited budget



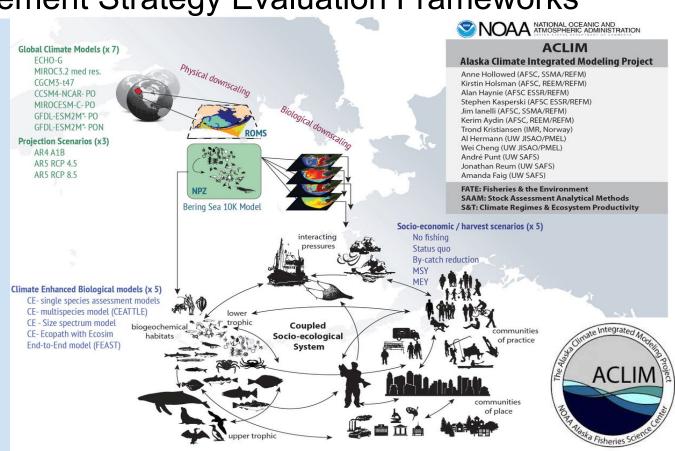
FY 2020 - 5 projects (\$5.9M over 3 years) Develop Management Strategy Evaluation Frameworks

- Integrated modeling framework
- 4 regions (NE, West Coast, Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea)
- Downscaled physical and biological models coupled to:

Ecosystem models

Socio-economic models

- Fishermen decisions and impacts
- Community impacts
- Trade-offs
- Regional pilot programs for the cross-NOAA Climate and Fisheries Initiative (CFI)



Strategic Lookahead

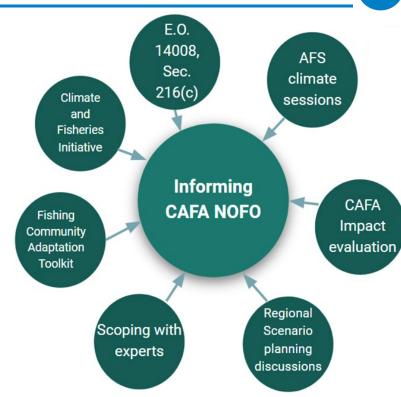
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Looking back:

- CAFA addresses significant research needs for climateready fisheries management
- Expanded focus from climate impacts to groundfish in the NE to addressing complex fisheries adaptation and management challenges including social and ecological resilience

Looking forward:

- Tools to advance climate-ready fisheries and fishing dependent communities (e.g., Fishing Community Adaptation Toolkit)
- Increase focus on diversity, equity and inclusion, engaging marginalized and underserved communities & integrating different knowledge types into fisheries decision-making
- Expand geographically and grow partnerships
- Support Climate and Fisheries Initiative implementation
- Continue to enhance program communications & evaluation (e.g., tracking and assessing metrics)



Some of the many sources informing future CAFA call