

Risk Assessment Working Group

Tasks for the current meeting:

- ID strategic objectives
- Break out risk elements based on the strategic objectives
 - o Determine whether we have data for each risk element
 - o ID how we are going to evaluate (i.e., data or expert opinion)
- ID how we want to evaluate the risk elements

Tasks for the WG moving forward:

- Complete tasks above that remain after the meeting
- Establish thresholds for level of risk (set up to function without further involvement)
- Meet regularly to score/complete the risk assessment over the next year

Goal: Define indicators from the master indicator list into drivers and receivers (Gaichas et al. 2018) as component to develop strategic objectives via risk assessment process to inform the DSS for the council.

Steps:

- Form working group – Aug 2022
- Adopt approach – Dec 2022
- Define Measurable and quantifiable indicators to be used as drivers – April 2023
- ID thresholds – June 2023
- Draft results – Aug/Sept 2023
- Assess/evaluate the strategic objective – Dec 2023

NOTES

- Define strategic objectives first, then evaluate risk against those and move forward from there
 - o ID risk factors from CM (e.g., LBSP)
 - o Then look at indicators
 - o ID criteria for different levels of risk
 - o Look at what the risk of those elements are to meeting the strategic objective
 - o Separate intensity and expected impact
- Mid Atlantic has an EBFM group that updates their risk assessment from the NEFSC every year
- Potential idea is to use indicators or functional groups for an iterative risk assessment
- Another idea is to do an assessment by habitat type
- Productivity/susceptibility analysis to get a species level look at risk
- Easiest approach is to bring ecosystem characteristics onto the species level
- Provide blueprint of how to update and how info can be used

Plan = ID strategic objectives, Break out risk factors from the strategic objectives, Decide how we want to evaluate each risk factor (e.g., by species, by stock complex, by habitat, etc.)