

# East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning

## Scenario Creation Workshop Introduction

Dear Participants,

Thank-you for agreeing to attend the Scenario Creation workshop (June 21-23, 2022, at the Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City, Arlington, VA) as part of the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning initiative. We realize that this is a busy time of year for all, so we very much appreciate your support.

At the workshop, you will be joined by people from across the East Coast who have an interest in the future of fisheries. Attendees include representatives from commercial and recreational fisheries, coastal community representatives, climate and social scientists, representatives from non-governmental organizations and fishery managers. Ultimately, the goal of the initiative is to ensure that fishery governance and management approaches are well-suited for the challenges ahead.

The scenario creation workshop will encourage all participants to consider how climate change might affect the future of our fisheries. No one has a crystal ball - we cannot predict what will happen. Surprises and unexpected developments are possible. By imagining different possibilities, we can help all stakeholders be better prepared for the future. Creating scenarios is a creative, fun exercise - but it needs some structure to the conversations.

To help you prepare for the session, please review the following documents:

1. [An agenda](#), providing details of start and finish times, and the basic details of the different sessions.
2. [Notes on what to expect when attending the workshop](#).
3. [A list of scenario "building blocks."](#) This contains several drivers of change that you will use at the workshop to create scenario stories.
4. A '[Summary of Exploration Phase](#)' that provides more detailed information on the drivers of change that are poised to affect East Coast fisheries. Of particular interest is Appendix 1, which provides background documents on [oceanographic](#), [biological](#), and [socioeconomic](#) drivers of change.

Items 1-3 are recommended for review in advance of the workshop. Item 4 is optional but may be helpful for reference prior to or during the workshop conversations.

Additional information about the East Coast Scenario Planning initiative can be found at <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>, including a brochure with [background information on this scenario planning exercise](#).