



**COMMISSION  
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**TEXT VERSION OF U.S. SUGGESTION ON A WAY FORWARD FOR CMM 2018-01**

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next steps on a pathway forward.

1. We need to start early!

2. We need multiple workshops by topic so as the process doesn't stall out.

Some suggested points:

- What method or procedure would ensure that **all CCMs** have a voice in the process?
- And What **FORMAT** would ensure a **FINANCIALLY EQUITABLE** solution so that all CCM vessel owners have ample opportunity to make a reasonable profit?

With those questions in mind, Here's a few ideas to get the conversation rolling on the intercessional work that we believe could be helpful for its success:

One idea is that the Commission creates a series of working groups with each group addressing one aspect of the measure. For example there could be a working group on Purse seine effort and another group on long line quota or another group on FAD management.

- At first glance one may think that by dividing the measure into topics for individual working groups to address may slow productivity. But I would suggest just the opposite would be true...it will accelerate progress.
- By breaking out these topics into working groups, the benefit is that when one group gets stuck on a particular topic, we can at least keep making progress in the other groups.
- And of course any CCM could join whatever group or groups they have an interest in.

Another idea is that we leave this meeting next week with a clear timeline in place and along those lines, what do CCMs think about the idea to start the process in the first quarter of 2021?

And who would lead the groups? We can discuss the idea to have Commission Chair and Vice Chair – if they are willing -- to lead the groups.

And lastly, the obvious goal of the working groups – which would presumably meet by video-conferencing -- would be to hash out the issues during the northern winter and into northern Spring and make recommendations to the Commission at an intercessional meeting sometime in May or June perhaps.

Anyway, these are some ideas and we would certainly be interested to hear from other CCMs their thoughts.