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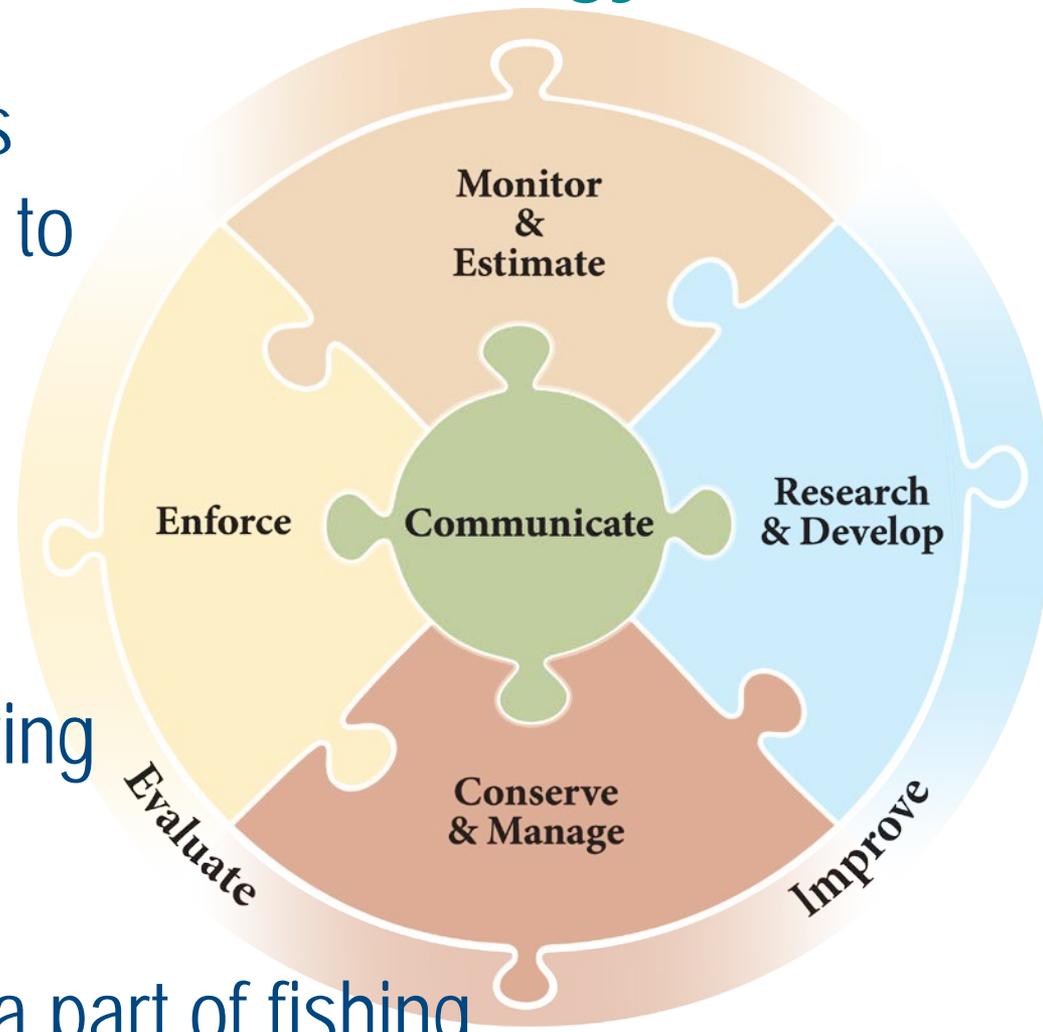
Bycatch Update

Council Coordination Committee

May 2018

National Bycatch Reduction Strategy (12/16)

- Guides and coordinates NOAA Fisheries' efforts to reduce bycatch and bycatch mortality in support of sustainably managing fisheries and recovering and conserving protected species



- Recognizes bycatch as a part of fishing

National Bycatch Reduction Strategy Next Steps

- Develop implementation plans with partners and stakeholders
- Late Spring 2018: Invite Council input on regionally specific tasks to include in a national implementation plan
- Fall 2018: Draft plan available for public review
- Early 2019: Rollout a National Implementation Plan

National Bycatch Activity Highlights

- National Bycatch Report Evaluation
 - Scope: purpose and use of the NBR and alignment with current bycatch policies
 - Summer 2018: Seek input from Councils and other interested stakeholders about areas for improvement



National Bycatch Activity Highlights

- National Bycatch Report Update 3
 - Expect to release in Summer 2018
 - Will include:
 - ✓ updated estimates for 81 fisheries
 - ✓ New estimates and improved methodology for additional species

National Bycatch Activity Highlights

- 2018 Bycatch Reduction Engineering Grant Program
 - Received over 53 applications across all regions worth over \$9.4million for \$2.3 million in FY 18 BREP funds.
 - Technical review is underway and final decisions will be announced in the early Fall of 2018





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