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**Diversity, Evolution, and Innovation: Learning
from U.S. Fishery Management Councils'**

ECOSYSTEM APPROACHES

Sarah Gaichas

*Retired, Research Fishery Biologist,
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Using ecosystem science in fishery management decisions can be challenging—but it is happening. Sarah will share both reflections from her career in NOAA and results from her current project reviewing the use of ecosystem information across US Fishery Management Councils. She will present Council perspectives, and her own, on successes, challenges, and ways forward for scientists and managers to collaborate on improving decisions by making better use of ecosystem science.

Sarah is a UW SAFS alum (PhD 2006) who worked at both the NOAA Alaska (1997–2011) and Northeast (2011–2025) Fisheries Science Centers. Her research ranged from fishery observer sampling methods to stock assessment, ecosystem modeling, integrated ecosystem assessment, and management strategy evaluation. She was fortunate to work with multiple US Fishery Management Councils during her career with NOAA, and continues to serve on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. As the lead (and only) scientist in Hydra Scientific LLC, she has current projects with the South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Councils on ecosystem indicators. She also serves as an Advice Committee Vice Chair for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

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