



# What to Expect as a Bycatch Prioritization Committee Member

## The Role of the Committee

Committee members work together to develop strategies to collect and manage bycatch and protected species data, including at-sea and port discards and information on protected species interactions.

**Chair: Lauren Staples**

**Vice Chair: David Player**

**ACCSP Staff: Heather Power**

## Current Committee Priorities

- Finalizing new methodologies for completing the bycatch prioritization matrix
- Testing the bycatch sampling program inventory application
- Explore potential for citizen science projects to fill bycatch data gaps

## Your Involvement

- Regular conference calls and as needed contact via email distributions
- Attendance at the biennial in-person meetings
- Active participation in all required activities
- Working with colleagues to complete the bycatch matrix

## Relevant Knowledge/Skills

- Understanding of stock assessment and/or management needs
- Understanding of bycatch and discard issues
- Knowledge of fish biology and species interactions
- Knowledge of protected species
- Observer experience
- Knowledge of relevant fleet characteristics

## More Information

Our program calendar, along with additional information resources, can be found on our website at [www.accsp.org](http://www.accsp.org). If you are interested in learning more about the Bycatch Prioritization Committee's recent efforts, we suggest you glance through recent meeting minutes or reach out to the chair, vice chair, or acting staff member.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the assigned staff member, Heather Power, at [heather.power@accsp.org](mailto:heather.power@accsp.org).*