

LME Governance Policy System

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Policy Process

- Stage One - Problem complexity decreases as policy choices are made to address ecosystem problems.
- Issue Identification-Ecosystem characteristics are multiple and complex
- Problem Identification- Reduction of Complexity- a few key issues are selected
- Policy Options-Action Alternatives- a limited menu
- Selection- Policy Choice- Policy -a few key goals

Stage Two- Implementation - Complexity Increases

- Organizational complexity increases with implementation
- Programs -a few major initiatives-inputs-funding, personnel management
- Implementation Structures -Projects - Many specific actions and tasks
- Targeted Ecosystem conditions (e.g.fish habitat,fish populations,water quality)
- Actions-outputs,regulations, compliance, enforcement and impacts.
- Evaluation and adjustment-adaptive mgt.