

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT  
REVIEW PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2007

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the draft Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Review Panel Terms of Reference (TOR) for 2007. The primary difference from the previous version is that the draft TOR specifies a process to accommodate assessment updates. The proposed mechanism for dealing with assessment updates was based on the approach that has been adopted for groundfish updates which provides a desirable degree of consistency between the assessment review processes for species under the two fishery management plans. Also, clarification is given in the draft TOR for the roles of various advisory bodies and participants in organizing and carrying out the reviews. The SSC has identified a few minor edits to correct typographical errors and improve readability, but the potential changes do not affect content. It is desirable to keep the draft document on track for potential adoption at the March 2007 meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council so that it may be in place for the 2007 assessments. The SSC recommends that the Pacific Fishery Management Council adopt the document for public review.

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