

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
CALIFORNIA CURRENT ECOSYSTEM REPORT INCLUDING INTEGRATED
ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Ecosystem Subcommittee conducted a review of the State of the California Current Annual Report on December 15-16, 2014 in Seattle. The SSC discussed the results of the Subcommittee's review (Agenda Item E.1.c, SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Report) and heard presentations by Drs. Chris Harvey (NWFSC) and Toby Garfield (SWFSC) regarding efforts underway to address the Subcommittee's recommendations. These changes are responsive to the Subcommittee review, and additional changes are in progress.

The SSC supports the Ecosystem Subcommittee's findings and recommendations. The SSC encourages ongoing efforts by the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Team to improve their indicator screening process and provide additional narrative showing the relevance of the indicators to the Council. In addition to reviewing the IEA Team's Report in March, the SSC is willing to meet with the IEA Team 3-6 months in advance to review proposed indicators in terms of their technical basis and relevance to the Council. Regardless of whether and to what extent ecosystem indicators are used in the future to directly inform Council actions, indicators serve a current purpose by providing the Council with a broader context for considering ecosystem changes that would otherwise be unavailable.

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