

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
DRIFT GILLNET MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN
INCLUDING FINAL ACTION ON HARD CAPS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) report (Agenda Item H.4.b) and received information from Dr. Steve Stohs (NMFS, SWFSC) on the bootstrap simulation methodology that underlies Tables 8 and 9 in the HMSMT report. These tables are meant to show the effect of different hard cap options on the resulting catch of marketable species and economic profitability. The SSC considers the bootstrap methodology an appropriate methodology, but was not provided detailed documentation to allow a review of the economic data that underlies the analysis of profitability. Tables 8 and 9 consider only the no-action alternative and the Council's PPA, and do not include analysis of the five-year hard caps. The tables should include the observed number of interactions that would trigger a closure given the level of observer coverage and the effective expanded hard-cap. The SSC provided Dr. Stohs with recommendations concerning how the analysis could be improved.

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