

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

In April 2015, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) requested that the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review whether the available data supports the application of a revised discard mortality rate for big skate (Agenda Item E.8.a, GMT Report 2, April 2015). The GMT suggested using a 50 percent discard mortality rate (instead of the current 100 percent discard mortality rate) for big skate caught as bycatch with trawl gear.

Per the recommendation of the SSC, Dr. Melissa Monk presented the results of a literature review by the GMT on skate discard mortality from trawl gear studies (Agenda Item D.7.a, GMT Report). The SSC endorses the use of a 50 percent discard mortality rate for big skate caught as bycatch with trawl gear. Additionally, the SSC commends Colby Brady, Lynn Mattes, and Melissa Monk for their work on this issue.

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