

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
FINAL ACTION TO ADOPT BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR 2017-2018 FISHERIES

Mr. John DeVore briefed the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on biennial harvest specifications. The SSC endorses the revised 2018 canary rockfish overfishing limit (OFL) under the No Action alternative as provided in Table 1 in Agenda Item F.3, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 2. The 2017 canary rockfish OFL does not need to be changed. The revised 2018 OFL is needed to correct a copy error in the draft OFL projections. The SSC reiterates that the 2018 OFL value is sensitive to the 2017 removal assumption. Therefore, the actual 2018 OFL will depend on the final preferred annual catch limit (ACL)/harvest control rule (HCR) decided for canary rockfish. If the Council chooses an alternative ACL/HCR other than one of the alternatives analyzed, the SSC will defer to Dr. David Sampson, chair of the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee, to ensure the alternative 2018 canary rockfish OFL comports with the final preferred alternative.

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