

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SCOPING OF TRAWL CATCH SHARES DISCARD SURVIVAL CREDITS FOR
SABLEFISH AND LINGCOD

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the documents entitled “Scoping of trawl catch shares discard survival credits for sablefish and lingcod” ([Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1](#)) and the “Groundfish Management Team [GMT] informational report on sablefish and lingcod discard mortality rates” ([Agenda Item F.3.a, GMT Report 1](#)). Lynn Mattes and Heather Reed (GMT) provided a summary of the GMT report and answered questions.

The information provided to the SSC on discard mortality rates did not warrant reconsideration of the rates used in the most recent stock assessments.

With respect to the question of whether it is appropriate to apply those discard survival rates as credits to the catch share fishery, the analyses planned by the GMT should be useful in evaluating any potential complications, such as changing incentives to discarding practices. The SSC previously recommended that discard mortality assumptions be consistent between assessments and management ([Agenda Item F.2.b, Revised Supplemental SSC Report, March 2012](#)). In reviewing the materials provided, the SSC finds no reason to diverge from this advice.

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