

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON PROTECTING UNFISHED
AND UNMANAGED FORAGE FISH SPECIES INITIATIVE

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the Ecosystem Initiative 1: Protecting Unfished and Unmanaged Forage Fish Species report (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1) along with the associated Ecosystem Working Group (EWG) report (Agenda Item I.1.b). Mr. Mike Burner provided a briefing and answered questions from the SSC.

For most of the species under consideration (i.e., those listed in Section 3.2 of the report), the available data are insufficient to develop management reference points as would be required under any of the pathways designating them as fishery management unit (FMU) species. Even if such data were available, developing such guidelines for all of these species would require a very large investment of time and resources.

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