

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
SHIFTING SARDINE FISHERY START DATE

Kerry Griffin briefed the Scientific and Statistical Committee regarding the proposal to shift the sardine fishery start date from January 1 to July 1. We have highlighted our support for this change in the past, based upon the time it provides for completion of the Stock Assessment Team's estimate of stock size.

In transitioning to a new start date, the Council would need to determine a means of setting catch for the first six months of the intermediate year.

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