

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COPS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the needs in filling the At-Large Seat due to the resignation of Dr. Vladlena Gertseva. The SSC recognizes that in November 2016 the Council will re-solicit nominations for a two-year term commitment; therefore, we have listed our short-term and long-term needs.

In the short-term, with the groundfish stock assessment cycle approaching, the need for an experienced groundfish representative is needed. The desire would be for this individual to be experienced in groundfish data and stock assessment methods.

In the long-term, an ecosystem modeler would be an asset to the SSC. Ecosystem modeling expertise will be needed to evaluate refinements to the Atlantis model and to evaluate and recommend improvements to annual Integrated Ecosystem reports to inform Council management decisions. Additionally, an economist/social scientist would also be beneficial to SSC discussions. The SSC's Economics Subcommittee will be especially busy in this next year reviewing socioeconomic models and Dr. Lee, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center representative, must often recuse himself from decisions involving the Input-Output Model for Pacific Coast Fisheries (IO-PAC) given his involvement in developing the model.

Another SSC seat that remains open is the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) seat. We anticipate someone will soon be appointed by the SWFSC who will assist our additional long-term needs for highly migratory species expertise on the SSC.

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