

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON
REBUILDING PLANS FOR CANARY ROCKFISH AND COWCOD

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the proposed schedule for development of rebuilding plans for canary rockfish and cowcod. Supplemental Attachment B.10.a. was not available for review, but Mr. Jim Glock was present to brief the SSC on this schedule.

The canary rockfish and cowcod rebuilding plan authors will be performing the analyses and drafting technical reports for review at the June Council meeting. Since the Council will need to take final action on these rebuilding plans in September, the SSC emphasizes these draft plans should be completed in time for adequate review prior to the June meeting. The SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee would like an opportunity to review the draft rebuilding plans prior to the June meeting, with inclusion in the June Council meeting Briefing Book as an absolute deadline. In addition, the SSC would like the authors to present their analyses to the committee at the June meeting.

The SSC also discussed the status and schedules for lingcod, Pacific ocean perch, and any other species that may fall into the overfished category and require a rebuilding plan. Results from new assessments should be incorporated into rebuilding projections, and any modifications to rebuilding plans for these species should be reviewed by the SSC either at the June or September Council meetings.

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