

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
GROUNDFISH REBUILDING ANALYSIS TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the first draft of the "Terms of Reference for Groundfish Rebuilding Analyses" that was prepared by the groundfish subcommittee and, after minor revision, approved a second draft for circulation and review by the Groundfish Management Team, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and other Council entities. Comment on the terms of reference will also be solicited from members of the west coast groundfish stock assessment community over the next month. Based on comments received, the SSC intends to provide a final set of guidelines at the April meeting.

With respect to the development of rebuilding analyses this year, the SSC notes that the stock assessments of darkblotched rockfish and Pacific Ocean perch that were completed in 2000 either did not include rebuilding projections or included rebuilding calculations that were not approved by the SSC (see November 2000 statement by the SSC). With the adoption of the "SSC Terms of Reference for Groundfish Rebuilding Analyses," these rebuilding calculations will need to be completed by the June Council meeting for full review by the SSC.

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