

STATUS OF THE 2001 STOCK ASSESSMENT REVIEW
PANEL MEETINGS (DRAFT STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR 2002)

Situation: Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel information about potential harvest level changes for next year (including potentially overfished stocks) will not be available for preliminary consideration of 2002 acceptable biological catch (ABC) and optimum yield (OY) levels. This is a result of scheduling conflicts which necessitated rescheduling the STAR Panel meeting the week of May 21, 2001 for the week of June 25, 2001.

Ms. Cyreis Schmitt will discuss the revised schedule, preliminary assessment information, and expectations for the STAR process prior to the September Council meeting.

The revised STAR schedule is: June 25-29, 2001 STAR Panel – remaining rockfish species group, including black rockfish (southern area), yelloweye rockfish, and new methods for data poor species; July 9-12, 2001 STAR Panel – Dover sole and shortspine thornyhead; July 13-16, 2001 STAR Panel – sablefish.

Council Action: Council discussion and guidance.

Reference Materials: None.

Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan Consistency Analysis

This agenda item is consistent with the Strategic Plan goal for science: To provide comprehensive, objective, reproducible, and credible information in an understandable and timely manner to meet our conservation and management objectives.