

STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2002

Situation: As per the Council's stock assessment and review procedures, stock assessment priorities are to be set in June to allow sufficient time for assessment authors to obtain relevant data for next year's assessments. Ms. Cyreis Schmitt, NMFS Stock Assessment Coordinator, will present a list of proposed species for assessment in 2002 and issues to consider in setting assessment priorities for 2002. In addition, in line with recent changes in the groundfish management process, Ms. Schmitt will also provide information to help the Council think about long-range planning for stock assessments and the stock assessment review (STAR) process.

Council Action: Discuss priorities for groundfish stock assessments in 2002.

Reference Materials:

1. Proposed list of assessments for the year 2002 (Supplemental Attachment C.5.a).

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.

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