

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE  
PACIFIC MACKEREL HARVEST GUIDELINE AND OTHER SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2002

Dr. Kevin Hill discussed the 2001-2002 Pacific mackerel harvest guideline (HG) with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The recommended HG is 13,837 mt. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) recommends closing the directed fishery after 6,000 mt is landed, then switching to an incidental tolerance of 45% of mackerel in other coastal pelagic species fisheries. If a significant portion of the HG remains, a directed fishery would re-open toward the end of the season.

The SSC notes that the HG is based on the same stock assessment methodology used in 2000, with the addition of one new data point. This methodology is scheduled to be reviewed by a stock assessment review panel in 2002.

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