

GROUND FISH STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2003

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. Dr. Elizabeth Clarke will present a list of proposed species for assessment in 2003 and issues to consider in setting assessment priorities for 2003.

Council Task: Discussion and guidance.

Reference Materials:

1. STAR Process Update and Draft Stock Assessment List for 2003 (Exhibit C.10, Supplemental Attachment 1).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Guidance

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Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan (GFSP) Consistency Analysis

This agenda item is consistent with GFSP goals for science, data collection, monitoring, and analysis (Sec. II.B).