

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
DRAFT AMENDMENT 17 (MULTI-YEAR) MANAGEMENT

Ms. Yvonne de Reynier reviewed the five management alternatives included in draft Amendment 17 that is scheduled for adoption as a public review draft. Alternative 1 is the status quo and the other four options revise the groundfish specifications and management process. By September 2002, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) requested she include information for each alternative to determine if recreational and commercial fishery data will be available at the appropriate spatial and temporal resolution for the stock assessments. The SSC favors alternatives 4 and 5, because these use the most current data for management decisions.

The SSC re-emphasizes the issues it addressed in our April 2002 statement regarding multi-year groundfish management:

- Using standardized models would simplify the review of stock assessments.
- There is a need for standardized databases and contact between data support staff and assessment authors to ensure that assessments consider uncertainties related to the data.
- A two-year assessment cycle is consistent with the schedule for updating rebuilding analyses.
- There is a need to develop a process for selecting the assessments to be conducted during an "on" year and how each assessment will be reviewed.

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