

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES STOCK ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Dr. Ray Conser updated the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on the Stock Assessment Review (STAR) workshop for coastal pelagic species (CPS). The SSC agrees the workshop should be scheduled during May 2004.

The Draft Terms of Reference (ToR), given preliminary approval at the March 2003 Council meeting, require a minor revision. Sec. 5 in Appendix A on rebuilding parameters is unnecessary for CPS species and should be replaced by a section that gives:

1. A full description of the harvest control rules in place for CPS species.
2. Current harvest rates based on the harvest control rules.
3. Harvest guidelines for the next fishing season.

The SSC expects that Council staff will complete this revision, and otherwise considers the ToR final and complete.

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