

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FINAL ADOPTION OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT 16-1 AND AMENDMENT 16-2

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed Amendment 16 including Chapter 5, the cumulative impact analysis required for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The SSC has seen most sections of this document previously, and our review and comments at this time are not comprehensive.

The SSC notes that rebuilding analyses for overfished stocks assessed this year are based on a range of alternatives for P_{MAX} , with one option consisting of the P_{MAX} specified in the interim rebuilding analysis. Options considered in Amendment 16-1 are primarily based on specification of T_{Target} .

The SSC considers the range of alternatives evaluated in the EIS appropriate. Alternatives that result in increased harvest of overfished stocks would also have the effect of freeing up available optimum yield for non-overfished stocks. The economic benefits of this potential additional harvest were not quantified in the cumulative impacts chapter. If resources are available for additional modeling, it would be worthwhile to quantify these impacts.

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