

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENTS AND REBUILDING ANALYSES FOR 2004 GROUND FISH
MANAGEMENT

Many of the management options the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) must consider for setting preliminary acceptable biological catches (ABCs) and optimum yields (OYs) are taken directly from rebuilding analyses of overfished species. Due to the complexity of those analyses, it is not unusual for several different rebuilding scenarios that have vastly different OYs to initially be brought to the GMT for consideration. Many of those scenarios will ultimately not be brought forward to the Council due to scientific considerations. The GMT could operate more efficiently if only those scenarios that have the most scientific merit are determined prior to the Council meeting, rather than waiting until the meeting where OYs are specified.

The GMT also reiterates that authors of assessments and rebuilding plans need to include all the quantities listed in the Terms of Reference. Authors will also need to include quantities not in the Terms of Reference, but are necessary for the management process. These include quantities such as ABCs, T_{MID} rebuilding calculations, and 5- to 10- year projections of baseline assessment models or rebuilding plan scenarios.

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