

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENT PLANNING FOR 2007-2008 FISHERY MANAGEMENT

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received a presentation from Dr. Liz Clarke from the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center on the species proposed for stock assessments in 2005. The team recognizes that concentrating all assessments in the “on” year for the subsequent two-year management cycle represents a significant challenge to both the assessment and review processes. The GMT appreciates that the species list presented by Dr. Clarke fully utilize those resources and that if species are added to the proposed list, it may be necessary to remove others to accommodate the work.

The GMT reviewed the proposed changes to the list from the Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and proposed the addition of an assessment for kelp greenling. The GMT also discussed with Dr. Clarke the addition of assessments for skate and spiny dogfish; however, it appears that assessments for these species probably can't be completed during the 2005 assessment cycle. In the interim, the GMT recommends that review of the available data for these species, as well as consideration of additional biological sampling needs, take place at the data workshop planned as part of the 2005 assessment process. Additionally, the GMT believes it would be beneficial to pursue coordination with Canada regarding data sharing and assessments for both skate and spiny dogfish. Further, the GMT notes that such international coordination would be desirable in assessing any species with a transboundary distribution.

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