

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
REVIEW OF STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR ALBACORE AND BLUEFIN TUNA

Dr. Gary Sakagawa, National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center, presented an overview to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the results of the stock assessments for North Pacific albacore and Pacific bluefin tuna. These stock assessments were conducted by an international body of scientists convened by the Interim Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Fishes in the North Pacific (ISC), which is consistent with the intent of National Standard 1 guidelines relative to international fisheries and the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. The SSC notes that its role will be limited to receiving these reports, unless an SSC representative actively participates in assessments as a member of the U.S. scientific delegation to the ISC. The SSC notes that this level of participation will require a substantial commitment of time and resources on the part of the Council and SSC.

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