

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GROUND FISH REBUILDING PLAN REVIEW AND STOCK
ASSESSMENT REVIEW PANELS

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) continues to support the exploration of area management in instances where the biology or exploitation of the species in question indicate the approach makes sense. This was expressed in Supplemental GMT Report C.8.c presented at the September meeting (included in the November briefing book). The proposed revision to the stock assessment terms of reference requests assessment authors to describe in the introduction section (C.1) "...distribution, stock structure, regional differences in life history or other biological differences, management units..." The GMT assumes that it is implicit in this direction where regional differences are found to be significant, they would be carried through the process of model development in order to provide area management advice to the Council. The GMT notes that the example stock assessment executive summary in the briefing book, black rockfish, represents an area management approach.

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