

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM STATEMENT ON
VERMILION ROCKFISH STOCK ASSESSMENT STATUS

There are several species for which assessments are being attempted and/or presented to Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels for the first time in 2005. There is uncertainty about whether any of these assessment efforts will lead to STAR-Panel approved assessment models. Given the costs associated with holding a STAR panel, the Groundfish Management Team believes that all authors should be provided with the opportunity to bring forward their best effort at developing an assessment model for their species. If a STAR Panel concludes the available data are inadequate to support a scientifically sound assessment, it is their prerogative to forward that recommendation.

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