

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON APPOINTMENTS TO  
ADVISORY BODIES, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND OTHER FORUMS FOR THE 2007-  
2009 TERM, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO COUNCIL OPERATING  
PROCEDURES

There are two areas of expertise that the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) currently lacks that may be important to the SSC in the future:

1. fisheries sociology/anthropology, and
2. fisheries oceanography.

Informational Report 3, "Social Science in the Pacific Fishery Management Council Process", submitted to the Council at this meeting provides reasons for considering the appointment of a fisheries sociologist/anthropologist to the SSC. The fisheries sociologist should have the expertise needed to evaluate the effects of management changes on fishing communities. A fisheries oceanographer would be a valuable addition to the SSC as ecosystem-based management concepts are increasingly considered by the Council in its management process.

The current staffing level (number of seats) and composition of the SSC meets its present needs with regards to expertise and work load. Replacing existing seats with the requested new positions would impact the SSC's ability to deal with its annual work load of groundfish and salmon issues. Therefore, we request that two new at-large seats on the SSC be created. This addition of seats would require a change to the Council Operating Procedures for the SSC.

Finally, with the departure of Dr. Kevin Hill and Mr. Alan Byrne from the SSC, the SSC notes that its salmon expertise will be reduced. Replacing this expertise should be considered when deciding upon appointments to the SSC.