

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT  
REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2007

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) endorses the *Terms of Reference for a CPS STAR Process* (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1). While not a CPS-specific issue, the SSC also discussed provisions in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA) that may affect the SSC's operating procedures. In particular, the SSC's traditional role of overseeing the review of stock assessments, coupled with a new concomitant role of providing the Council with more detailed advice on harvest levels, may blur the science-management boundary that has served the Council process well in the past. When the implications of the MSRA are more fully understood, the SSC encourages discourse with the Council to more clearly define the SSC's role and to implement clearly-defined processes.

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