

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON AMENDMENT 20:
TRAWL RATIONALIZATION ALTERNATIVE
(TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS AND COOPERATIVES)

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met with Mr. Merrick Burden to discuss various issues associated with the trawl rationalization alternatives. The SSC comments regarding the current analysis are as follows:

- One option being considered is a carryover allowance that would allow surplus quota pounds to be carried over from one year to the next. From a biological perspective, it may be desirable to consider ways to reduce the effect of such allowances on stocks that are declining. The Groundfish Management Team suggestion regarding adjustment of quota pound surpluses in proportion to changes in the trawl allocation (Agenda Item E.9.a, Attachment 2, p. 31, footnote r) would be one way to address this issue.
- The graphs in Agenda Item E.9.a, Attachments 3 and 4 depict revenue associated with initial allocations of quota pounds to individual permit holders relative to their 2006 revenue. The SSC recommends that the analysis be extended to include several recent years (e.g., 2004-2006) to determine the extent to which annual revenue variability affects the outcome of the analysis.

The SSC Economics Subcommittee has agreed to meet with Mr. Burden and other analysts on Sunday, September 9 for a more comprehensive review of methodologies being used to evaluate the rationalization program.

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