

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISITCAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON TRACKING AND
MONITORING FOR TRAWL RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM

Dr. Steve Freese (Northwest Region) provided the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) with a general outline of two alternative tracking and monitoring programs being considered for trawl rationalization. The two alternatives differ in that one allows and the other prohibits discarding of individual trawl quota (ITQ) species in the non-whiting fishery. This difference has implications for observer and shoreside monitoring requirements.

More detailed specification of monitoring and other requirements is needed to allow estimation of costs associated with each program alternative. Cost analysis should address (1) at-sea and shoreside monitoring requirements, (2) data systems for collection, management, analysis, validation and timely dissemination of needed data (e.g., logbooks, fish tickets, observer data, economic data), and (3) types and levels of enforcement needed to ensure an acceptable level of compliance. Cost analysis will be useful for of identifying cost-effective alternatives and ensuring that program costs are offset by the benefits of rationalization.

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