

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the proposed Integrated Fishery and Environmental Management Statements (IFEMS) and the procedures proposed for “framework” type fishery actions such as annual specifications. The SSC supports the framework process as it has the potential to improve the current groundfish annual specification process used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Specifically, the framework process could potentially shorten the time between when assessments are finished and when assessment results are used in the fishery management process. However, the final rule should provide more details on how frameworks could be developed that streamline the annual specification process.

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