

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON UPDATE AND
COMMUNICATION OF RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the Council's Preliminary Draft Research and Data Needs 2008. The following summarizes the items discussed by the SSC:

- The SSC will modify the third priority in the salmon section of the document to reflect the need to develop models to improve evaluation of alternative management strategies.
- The SSC supports the species and research priorities identified by the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) (Item C.3.b Supplemental HMSMT Report).
- The SSC supports the recommendation from the California Wetfish Producers Association (Item C.3.c Public Comment) to incorporate research on the effects of ocean acidification on marine resources into the ecosystem section of the document.

The SSC supports these proposed changes to the document and publication of the document for public review. Additionally, the SSC will identify high priority items for groundfish and update the salmon and economics priorities for the Council's consideration in September.

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