

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING CARRYOVER AND REGULATORY
AMENDMENT TO MANAGE SET-ASIDES

Mr. Daniel Erickson presented the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) report (Agenda Item E.8.a, GMT Report 2) on big skate catch and the recent ecosystem component (EC) designation for the stock. The presentation included catch monitor data that was not included in the report. To improve the current analysis, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommends the big skate portion of the unspecified skate catch be apportioned using catch monitor data in Washington and catch composition data in Oregon and California. Given it appears that big skate is a targeted fishery with substantial levels of catch, the SSC recommends the big skate EC designation be revisited.

Furthermore, additional information may be available in the literature on skate discard mortality and the SSC requests the GMT review the relevance of this information for determining the discard mortality rate. Alternative discard mortality estimates should be reviewed by the SSC.

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