GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FINAL STOCK ASSESSMENTS

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received an overview of the recently completed stock assessments from Dr. Jim Hastie of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), had a representative at the stock assessment review (STAR) panels, and reviewed the briefing book documents.

No unresolved concerns were noted by GMT advisors to the STAR panel reviews. As mentioned in June, the GMT is supportive of pre-assessment workshops, such as the Nearshore Data Workshop, and think that the stock assessment process could be improved by expanding those types of pre-assessment interactions to stocks other than just nearshore species.

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