

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FUTURE MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

Mr. Jim Seger presented an overview of the “Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs” as well as draft Council staff comments on this document (Informational Report 1).

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) finds that the draft guidance contains a generally complete list of issues to be addressed in the 5- and 7-year reviews of catch share programs. However, the relative importance of the various portions of the guidance will vary by catch share program; data and resources are limited, and the particular focus of each review should be determined for each catch share program and for each review. The SSC recommends that the draft guidance document should be modified to make it clear that these are guidelines and not mandates; for instance, by changing “should” to “should consider” throughout the document as appropriate.

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