

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – SCOPING

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the scoping process for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Five-Year Review (Agenda Item G.2). The SSC supports the recommendations of the Ecosystem Workgroup and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel that the FEP should be revised to reflect current scientific understanding and reorganized to improve the specificity and focus of the impact of cumulative effects on the environment. If the Council chooses to update the FEP, the SSC recommends additional scientific resources be allocated to support the revision process. The scientific expertise needs will likely be similar to those allocated to the development of the 2013 FEP. The SSC could review the changes to the FEP but suggests that revisions of the FEP be completed by scientific experts outside of the SSC to avoid self-review.

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