## SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the Climate and Communities Initiative, including the report on The Nature Conservancy workshop held in May 2018 (<u>Agenda Item G.3.</u>, <u>Attachment 1</u>) and the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) report (<u>Agenda Item G.3.a, Ecosystem</u> <u>Workgroup Report 1</u>).

The SSC supports the EWG recommendation that its membership be supplemented with scientific expertise to aid with the next steps in the Initiative. Additional members with expertise in fields such as climate modeling, oceanography, stock assessment, and social science will be needed to successfully complete work on both the Climate and Community Initiatives and revisions to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

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