

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR CATCH SHARE PROGRAM REVIEW

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) received a presentation from Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus on the analyses conducted for the limited entry fixed gear catch share program review. The SSC discussed progress on the review items recommended during the June 2021 SSC statement for the previous review ([Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, June 2021](#)). The SSC concluded that the concerns that an observer effect might be causing underestimation of high grading (discarding of smaller marketable sized fish) had been adequately addressed. Progress has been made in collecting data on permit prices; however, collection and analysis of additional permit prices remains as a research and data need in order to evaluate barriers to entry and expectations of future profitability in the fishery. While participant data for vessel owners and dealers have been incorporated into the analysis, additional data and analysis of impacts on crew and operator remains a research and data need. The SSC also recommends adding to the research and data needs section further analysis of changes in the spatial distribution of the fishery and whether outcomes are equitable between ports and users to evaluate future alternatives for measures to increase equity.

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