SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS, HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2023-2024 FISHERIES-FINAL ACTION

Mr. John DeVore (Council staff) provided a review of the corrected apportionment of copper rockfish found in Agenda Item F.6, <u>Attachment 3</u> as well as alternative harvest specifications for quillback rockfish found in <u>Table 1-6</u> of Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2.

The original apportionment of copper rockfish that was based on the proportion of historical catches north of 40° 10' N. lat. for all of California was corrected to reflect only the proportion for the assessment area north of Point Conception. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) agrees with the correction to copper rockfish apportionment in Tables 2 and 3 of Attachment 3 and endorses the resulting values for use in management in 2023-2024.

In Attachment 2, the No Action alternative for quillback rockfish uses the default 40-10 harvest control rule, while the alternatives considered use spawning potential ratio harvest rates of 0.55 and 0.60 as calculated in the <u>rebuilding analysis</u> to inform annual catch limit contributions. The SSC endorsed the rebuilding analysis for use in management (<u>Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2021</u>), with which the alternatives are consistent.

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