

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP  
APPOINTMENTS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed current and near future needs given existing and upcoming vacancies. The SSC currently has two at-large vacancies, for which only one nomination was received at this meeting. Dr. Christopher Free will be leaving his at-large position at the end of October, and retirements and job changes are likely to result in turnover in some agency seats in 2026. The SSC notes a particular need for economic expertise, and would also benefit from additional expertise in Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species, where the workload is currently quite demanding.

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