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SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCESS REVIEW ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed adjustments to the stock assessment process for 2027-2028. Diana Perry (Council Staff) provided a presentation on the topic and was available to answer questions.

With regard to the focus of pre-assessment workshops, the SSC suggests that the greater emphasis on stakeholder input on fishery-dependent data should relate to all information relevant to the stock rather than just information that is expected to be used directly or indirectly in stock assessments during the current cycle.

Stock assessment materials and results are available via the PAM site two weeks before each Stock Assessment and Review Panel. Thus, approaches are needed to inform stakeholders of the availability of these materials. The Stock Assessor Teams plan to hold office hours at least one time during those two weeks to allow for clarifying questions and to help stakeholders and others understand the draft stock assessment.

The SSC will endeavor to provide clear rationale for best scientific information available determinations, while maintaining scientific accuracy, as well as, insofar as it is possible, brevity.

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