

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) received a briefing from Dr. Kit Dahl on the Climate and Communities Initiative. The Climate and Communities Initiative deals with climate change scenario planning to inform Council management how to be responsive to the effects of climate change and variability on the California Current Fisheries and Fishing Communities. The Ecosystem Workgroup report has focused on 2 components: i) the planning tools that one may use, and what kind of scenarios to present, and ii) how the Council would pursue these scenario planning exercises. The focus of the work done so far has dealt with the 1st part primarily.

The SSC encourages the work so far and recommends that the Council formulate a process to evaluate outcomes/consequences of these scenarios. Since scenario planning is still in development, using a quantitative approach in conjunction with the collaborative processes used in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council could be a possible model to follow. The key to these planning processes is to combine scenarios and strategies to evaluate outcomes. There should be some engagement between the communities, science centers, and other research institutions within the Council process.

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