

**DRAFT SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKE UP AND EXPERTISE OF SSC MEMBERSHIP
from Council Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs)**

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2.5 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

Original Text

The Council has established a Standing SSC and Special SSCs for individual management units to provide expert scientific and technical advice to the Council. The SSC shall review and comment on the scientific adequacy of such statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information as is relevant to the Council's development and amendment of any fishery management plan. During the appointment process of the Standing SSC, the Council shall appoint no more than 18 individuals which will include 7 stock assessment or quantitative biologists/ecologists; 3 economists; 3 quantitative anthropologists/sociologists; and 5 other scientists. Each of the above scientists will be identified in one of the above categories. Each Special SSC will consist of no more than 3 members. When a Special SSC meets with the Standing SSC the combined SSC votes as a whole committee. Council members or their designees may not simultaneously serve on the Council and an SSC.

Proposed Changes Clean Draft

The Council has established a Standing SSC and Special SSCs for individual fishery management plans or areas of expertise to provide expert scientific and technical advice to the Council. The SSC shall review and comment on the scientific adequacy of such statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information as is relevant to the Council's development and amendment of any fishery management plan. During the appointment process of the Standing SSC, the Council shall appoint no more than 17 individuals which will include 8 stock assessment or quantitative biologists/ecologists; 2 economists; 2 anthropologists/sociologists; and 5 other scientists. Each member will have demonstrable expertise in one of the above categories. Each Special SSC will be comprised of no more than 3 members, and none of those three shall be a member of the Standing SSC or another Special SSC. When a Special SSC meets with the Standing SSC, members of the combined committees will vote as a whole committee. Council members or their designees may not simultaneously serve on the Council and an SSC.