

Sustainable Fisheries Committee Report
August 24, 2026
Dr. Kesley Banks, Chair

The Committee adopted the agenda (**Tab E, No. 1**) and approved the minutes (**Tab E, No. 2**) of the January 2026 meeting.

Discussion of Five-year Standardized Bycatch Reporting (Tab E, No. 4)

Frank Helies (SERO) gave a presentation on standardized bycatch reporting methodologies (SBRM). He discussed elements to include in the review and noted that the next 5-year SBRM review must be completed by February 2027. Mr. Helies indicated that once the review is drafted, next steps will include SSC and Council reviews, and NMFS approval. He finally noted that any potential need for management action would be considered after completion of the review. Council staff asked whether the SBRM review could be presented to the SSC during its September 2026 meeting. Mr. Helies replied that he will discuss the issue with the SBRM review team before deciding.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.