

The SSC can recommend to the Council that a stock be made an Ecosystem Species and will recommend an ABC using this Control Rule until such time as the relevant FMP is amended accordingly.

CONCLUSION

Implementation of this OFL/ABC-setting process for Category 4 stocks will require an investment of time, but should result in more responsive and robust management advice that is tailored to meet the needs and challenges of each Category 4 stock. We thank Council staff for their support of working group activities, especially in generating Tables 1 and 2.

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