

COUNCIL EXPERIENCES WITH 3RD PARTY STOCK ASSESSMENTS

NEFMC:

1. SSC has addressed 3rd party stock assessments (3rdPSAs).
2. Have used SSC at times to conduct peer reviews of 3rdPSAs.
3. Preference is to have 3rdPSAs peer reviewed through their SAW/SARC process.
4. After SAW/SARC peer review, SSC would then develop advice to the Council on the 3rdPSA.

GMFMC:

1. SSC has only addressed solicited 3rdPSAs (i.e. FWC-yellowtail snapper and Ault-hogfish).
2. No constituent group 3rdPSAs independent of SEDAR.
3. Have experienced outside consultant review of some aspects of a SEDAR assessment.
4. His report was presented through the SEDAR process.
5. Would be willing to have 3rdPSAs presented to the SSC if it used the same parameters as and was compliant with a SEDAR assessment.

CFMC:

1. SSC has not addressed any 3rdPSAs.

NPFMC:

1. SSC has addressed 3rdPSAs from constituent groups, including NGOs.
2. 3rdPSAs are treated as any other public comment to the SSC.
3. Have held workshops independent of SSC/Council where 3rdPSAs were vetted by stock assessment scientists and plan teams.

PFMC:

1. SSC has addressed 3rdPSAs from constituent groups, including state agencies, tribal governments and international bodies (none from fishing industry or NGOs).
2. SSC's job to determine best available science and its appropriateness for management decisions (regardless of source) as assigned by the Council.
3. No official policy on how to address 3rdPSAs.