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Office of Science & Technology
Stock Assessment Science Program Review
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NOAA Fisheries Science Program Reviews

5-year Cycle: Science Centers and ST

- 2013: Data Collection and Management
- 2014: Stock Assessment Programs
- 2015: Protected Resource Science
- 2016: Ecosystem and Climate Science
- 2017: Economics and Social Science

Purpose

- Are we doing the right things right?
- What should we do differently?

S&T Stock Assessment Program Review

- ST coordinates a national assessment program
- ST does not conduct stock assessments

Review Focus:

- ST's support, maintenance, and advancement of a national program that is implemented regionally.

ST Stock Assessment Program Review

Purpose (as stated in the TOR)

1. Is ST conducting the right set of activities to support NOAA Fisheries stock assessments nationally?
 - Keeping in mind budget realities, are there new directions or activities that ST should pursue in its national support of NOAA Fisheries stock assessments, and/or should any current activities be expanded in scope?
 - Are any current activities unnecessary, or are there any activities that should be reduced in scope and/or consolidated?
2. Are ST's assessment program organization and management of activities effectively supporting and advancing assessments nationally, and are there recommendations for improvement?
 - Consider program structure, staffing, and funding; use of national working groups and RFPs; internal and external communication; and supporting and promoting national assessment practices.

ST Stock Assessment Program Review

Structure of the review

1. General overview: ST
 2. General overview: ST stock assessment program
 3. Activities supporting assessment program development
 4. Activities supporting assessment program implementation
 5. Assessment program performance and communication
- Throughout: panel Q&A, report writing, opportunity for public comment, breaks and socializing
 - Presentations will fluctuate across levels
 - ST coordinates across office, agency, department, ...



Thank You!

