

**Minutes of the 47th Annual Meeting
of the
Canada-US Groundfish Committee
(aka “Parent Committee”)**

I. Call to Order

Chair Mr. Stephen Phillips, PSMFC, represented the US (for Randy Fisher, PSMFC), and Rick Stanley DFO Canada, represented Canada (for Diana Trager, DFO), called the meeting to order at 11:00, Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Also in attendance: Tom Jagielo (WDFW), Mark Wilkins (NMFS, AFSC Seattle), Cleo Brylinsky (ADFG), Dave Clausen (NMFS, AFSC, Auke Bay Lab), and Steve Parker ODFW.

II. Rick Stanley was appointed secretary for the meeting.

III. The agenda, following the format of previous meetings, was approved.

IV. Adoption of May 2005 Parent Committee meeting minutes: The minutes were adopted as presented.

V. Progress on 2005 Recommendations:

CARE: In 2005, the TSC recommended to the Parent Committee that CARE consider annual ageing workshops on different species of concern on a rotational basis, modeled after the current annual Dover sole workshop held in Eureka, California. The objective of this recommendation is to disperse the “hands on” workshop effort over a wider range of species and to maintain inter-lab calibration on ages that are shared for stock assessments. It was estimated that a maximum of six scientists could be accommodated for an ageing lab exchange for two to three days. The Parent Committee concurred, and directed the TSC (Tom Jagielo) to carry this forward to the PFMC and NPFMC SSC to obtain a list of candidate species for this process. Rick Stanley will do the same with respect to PSARC. Michael Schirripa will present the recommendation to the CARE committee.

Following discussions since the previous 2005 meeting and at the 2006 meeting, there was a consensus that CARE not be directed to schedule routine ageing workshops that systematically work through the various species. Although, CARE and TSC noted the potential for problems where, for example, different agencies used different techniques, it was felt that the impetus for workshops should really come from the principle investigators or stock assessment staff for these species. TSC did however, encourage CARE representatives to communicate their concerns to such staff (see below).

Action: See 2006 Parent Committee Recommendations

VI. 2006 Parent Committee Recommendations

1. **Acoustic Telemetry Workshop:** TSC recommends that the parent committee supports the planning of a workshop on acoustic telemetry techniques and analysis for Pacific coastal marine species. The objective of the workshop is to bring together researchers from California through Alaska to discuss approaches and techniques for conducting acoustic telemetry experiments with the unique environments and species present in the NE Pacific Ocean. Topics could include capture and tagging, active-tracking, passive tracking array configuration, data collection, and database management.

Action: The parent committee agrees. Steve Parker will poll various agencies, academic programs, and organizations with active telemetry projects on the west coast to gauge interest, develop a steering committee, workshop scope, timeline, and venue.

2. **CARE:** Following discussions since the previous 2005 meeting and at the 2006 meeting, there was a consensus that CARE not be directed to schedule routine ageing workshops that systematically work through the various species. Although, CARE and TSC noted the potential for problems where, for example, different agencies used different techniques, it was felt that the impetus for workshops should really come from the principle investigators or stock assessment staff for these species. TSC did however, encourage CARE representatives to communicate their concerns to such staff (see below).

Action: The parent committee directs the chair of the TSC to write a letter to CARE to encourage CARE representatives to forward their concerns regarding standardization of techniques to the principle investigators of the species.

VII. Meeting Location

John Field and the SWFSC at Santa Cruz offered to host the 2007 meeting. The proposed date is April 24-25, 2007.

VIII. Other Business

- a. The Parent Committee thanks Steve Parker and Michael Schirripa for hosting the meeting.
- b. The Parent Committee thanks Rick Stanley for chairing this year's meeting, and **Alena Pribyl and Polly Rankin** for recording minutes.