

Parent Committee Minutes
Call to Order 3:20 May 7, 2003
Al McDonald is Chair

In attendance:
Stephen Phillips
Tom Jagielo
Tory O'Connell
Mark Wilkins

II. Appoint Secretary: Tory O'Connell

III. Approval of Agenda
7 items on agenda

- A. Adoption of May 2002 meeting minutes: adopted
- B. Progress on 2002 Recommendations from Parent Committee to TSC
Role of TSC: terms of reference and benefits of TSC. The Parent Committee is satisfied that the TSC members continue to inform their colleagues about the benefits that TSC provides to west coast groundfish managers and researchers.
- C. Progress on 2002 Recommendations from Parent Committee to itself
Overharvest of Transboundary Stocks: Parent Committee took no action on this item. No longer relevant.
Binational Coordination: PC satisfied that there has been an expansion of efforts by managers and researchers to exchange data, hold workshops, etc on transboundary stocks.
Sablefish Workshop: PC recommended that a sablefish workshop be convened. Actions have been delayed until 2003/2004.
- D. 2003 Recommendations from TSC to Parent Committee
At the 2000 annual meeting the TSC recognized the variety of surveys being used to assess sablefish stocks and recommended that a workshop be held to discuss sablefish survey methods and the feasibility of survey calibration. The proposed workshop was never arranged, though the need for it continues. The TSC recommends that a working group be formed to develop terms of reference for this workshop. The TSC asks that the parent committee support this endeavor through funding, administrative support, and identification of participants and meeting venue. The Parent Committee agrees with the TSC that this is important and will support this recommendation.

Many important stocks including yellowtail rockfish, sablefish, canary rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, lingcod and others have transboundary distributions. The TSC notes many collaborative bi-national activities in recent years. Nevertheless, the TSC encourages researchers and managers to expand efforts to exchange data, hold workshops, conduct assessments, and coordinate management of these stocks. The Parent Committee agrees that this effort should be encouraged.

The TSC applauds the recent progress in negotiations between Canada and the US with regard to the harvest shares of Pacific Hake. We express special appreciation to industry representatives from both nations for their willingness to reach a consensus and establish harvest shares within the adopted coast-wide yield options. The TSC notes that the combined Canadian/US harvest of hake may continue to exceed the recommended coastwide yield until an agreement is ratified. The TSC recommends to the Parent Committee that both parties endorse yield options for 2003 that remain within the coastwide yield. The TSC urges the Parent Committee to encourage both nations to provide a timely ratification of the agreed upon harvest shares. The Parent Committee concurs with this recommendation.

E. 2003 Recommendations from Parent Committee to itself

The PC continues to seek the participation by the PFMC, NPFMC and the SWFSC at TSC. The PC extends its appreciation to the IPHC for attending the 2003 TSC meeting.

F. Other business: The Parent Committee thanks Tory O'Connell for hosting this year's meeting and Tom Jagielo for chairing said meeting and thank Tory for being rapporteur.

G. 2004 meeting location: Hosted by AFSC, Washington venue to be announced.