



## Scientific Council (SC)

is comprised of scientists from the NAFO Contracting Parties

- Provides advice to the Commission and Coastal States
- Collates and analyzes data on the fish, fishery, ocean climate and ecosystems in the Convention area
- Publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*
- Encourages cooperation between Contracting Parties in scientific research, which includes the study, appraisal and exchange of scientific information for the present and future

## SC has four Standing Committees

### STACFIS

Standing Committee  
on FISHERIES  
SCIENCE

- Assesses the status of fish stocks
- Assesses the effects on fish stocks of fishing strategies and management
- Evaluates new methods for fish stock assessment



- Develops policies and procedures for the collection, compilation and dissemination of environmental information
- Provides periodic reviews of environmental conditions and advises the Scientific Council on the effects of the environment on fish
- Encourages and promotes cooperation among Contracting Parties in scientific research

### STACREC

Standing Committee  
on RESEARCH  
COORDINATION

- Compiles and disseminates statistical information on fisheries in the Convention Area
- Coordinates the planning and execution of international cooperative research
- Reviews and evaluates advances in fisheries science and biology



- Develops editorial policies and procedures for the Scientific Council
- Reviews the publication process for Scientific Council documents and the *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*.

### STACFEN

Standing Committee  
on FISHERIES  
ENVIRONMENT

### STACPUB

Standing Committee  
on PUBLICATIONS