



SC Scientific Council



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

STACFEN

Standing Committee on FISHERIES ENVIRONMENT

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



STACPUB

Standing Committee on Publications

- 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*