

Overview of the Role of Industry Scientists in Assessment Programs

SAW/SARC (Northeast Region, Mid-Atlantic and New England Councils)

Assessments in the Northeast are conducted through the SAW/SARC process, run by the NEFSC with planning and oversight from the Northeast Region Coordinating Council (NRCC). Assessment development is handled by Committee's which meet and function similar to SEDAR DW's and AW's. Industry scientists may participate at the Committee level, as Committee meetings are open and anyone who attends may participate. Such participants have at times submitted entire assessments for consideration. Other committee members include state and federal scientists. Assessments are reviewed by the "SARC", composed of CIE representatives and chaired by the SSC.

STAR (Northwest, Southwest Region, Pacific Council)

Assessments for the Pacific Council are conducted through the STAR process, run by the Pacific Council and NMFS. STAR panels review assessments prepared by stock assessment teams with input from management teams and advisory panels. Reviewers include CIE and NMFS science center representatives, and others such as University researchers.

North Pacific (North Pacific Council, Alaska Region)

Assessments for the North Pacific are conducted by NMFS and reviewed by the SSC. Industry scientists do not participate in standard assessments. They are able to comment on findings during meetings and have participated in assessment model review workshops.

WPSAR (Western Pacific Council, Pacific Islands Region)

Assessments for the Western Pacific Council are conducted through the WPSAR process. This new process has only conducted one review so far. Industry scientists were not involved in the review phase.