

Below is an excerpt from the SEDAR SOPPs regarding the role of the SSC (or Cooperator equivalent) in reviewing assessment produced through the SEDAR process.

### **Role of the SSCs**

- SSC members participate in all phases of the SEDAR process.
- The SSC is not expected to provide duplicative peer review of completed SEDAR benchmark assessments. (although SSC members are included in the review panel)
- SSCs provide peer review of SEDAR standard assessments and update assessments.
- SSCs will determine whether the assessment constitutes Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) and determine whether assessment findings and outputs are adequate for supporting fishing level recommendations to the Council.
- SSCs may request additional sensitivity analyses if deemed necessary to adequately characterize uncertainty, and additional projection analyses if necessary to adequately evaluate management alternatives.
- If the SSC determines that an error or omission has been made in the assessment model or in any input datasets, and further determines that such issues significantly impact the assessment results, and in particular the magnitude and direction of required management actions, the SSC shall prepare a written report for submission to the Council and SEDAR Steering Committee which details (1) the nature of the concerns, including appropriate documentation of the correct information; (2) possible impacts; (3) specific concerns related to the issues raised, including the estimated parameters that are affected; and (4) the recommended process and timeline for correction or revision, review, and reconsideration by the SSC.
- The SSC is responsible for presenting to their Council their evaluation of the adequacy of the assessment, their interpretation and summary of the assessment methods and findings, and their recommendations regarding appropriate actions.