

Key Issues for West Coast rock lobster to be discussed at International Workshop

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Updated Assessments and Projections (A sessions)

- How do these compare with previous assessments?
- Selectivity functions – are these acceptable?
- What are the key robustness tests to conduct?
- Assumptions for projecting into the future:
 1. Somatic growth (is a future increase still plausible?)
 2. Recruitment
- What are key focus areas for future research?

OMP development (A and B sessions)

- Summary of past OMPs and management targets
- Where are we now w.r.t. resource recovery levels
- Where do we want to go – what are appropriate management targets?
- How should OMP take implementation error (particularly as regards takes in sectors effectively under effort control) into account?
- Should a model-based OMP be retained, or move to an empirical OMP? If the latter, should estimates of recent catches be included?

Management Related Issues (B sessions)

- Should we continue to manage at a spatial level?
- Should OMP continue to split global TAC not only into five super-areas, but also into different user groups? Pros and Cons.
- How might the OMP be adjusted to provide more flexibility?