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Changing Stock Status from Known to Unknown

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Overview

- Procedural Directive: Guidance for changing stock status from known to unknown.
- Overview: Guides internal decisions
- Goals:
 - Remove ambiguity
 - Address difficult decisions
 - Transparent, smooth, and consistent decisions



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Scenarios

- a. Changes to management units
- b. Aging assessments
- c. Stock assessment fails to provide a status recommendation
 - c1. Reject new attempt, accept previous assessment model
 - c2. Reject new attempt, use the previous assessment results (with no new data)
 - c3. Reject new assessment, flawed previous model
- d. Stock assessment deviates from SDC specified in the FMP



Scenario a

Changes to management units



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Scenario b

Aging stock assessment

Older assessment no longer reflects status



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Scenario c

Stock assessment fails to provide a status recommendation

- c1. Reject new attempt, accept previous assessment model
- c2. Reject new attempt, use the previous assessment results (with no new data)
- c3. Reject new assessment, flawed previous model



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Scenario d

Stock assessment deviates from SDC specified in the FMP



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Next Steps

- Procedural Directive review
- Adoption by the agency



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