

- (e) provide, by no later than February 1 of each year unless otherwise directed by the JMC, a stock assessment that includes scientific advice on the annual potential yield of the offshore hake/whiting resource that may be caught for that fishing year, taking into account uncertainties in stock assessment and stock productivity parameters and evaluating the risk of errors in parameter estimates produced in the assessment;
- (f) take into account any adjustments pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Article as part of its stock assessment; and
- (g) perform other duties and functions that may be referred to it by the Scientific Review Group (SRG) established in paragraph 2 of this Article and by the JMC.

2. A Scientific Review Group (SRG) is hereby established to provide independent peer review of the work of the JTC. The SRG shall comprise up to six scientific experts, with up to two appointed by each Party and two independent members appointed jointly by the Parties from a list supplied by the Advisory Panel. All SRG members shall be different individuals than those who serve on the JTC. The Advisory Panel may also nominate, for appointment by the Parties, two public advisors to participate in SRG meetings. The public advisors shall have the right to provide their views on all aspects of the work of the SRG, both orally and in writing. The Parties shall jointly bear the travel expenses of the independent members and the public advisors for meetings of the SRG. In addition, SRG members may seek advice from others as they deem appropriate. SRG meetings shall be open to the public. The SRG shall meet annually, and more often as necessary, to:

- (a) propose its terms of reference for approval by the JMC;
- (b) review the stock assessment criteria and methods and survey methodologies used by the JTC;
- (c) provide, by no later than March 1 of each year, unless otherwise directed by the JMC, a written technical review of the stock assessment and its scientific advice on annual potential yield; and