

1. Describe the main types of scientific advice used in DGfish? Where does each come from and how is it used here?
2. Recent experience with getting and using scientific advice that was completely satisfactory? Why was it satisfactory? Recent experience in getting and using scientific advice that was not satisfactory? Why not?
3. What sources of scientific advice that you use do you consider the most trustworthy? Are there sources you have to use that you are wary off? What are your main quality control mechanisms for scientific advice?
4. What do you see as the proper balance between in-house scientific capacity and more independent sources?
5. Models in General: Do issues of training arise for you or your organization here? Do you have support if you want to seek advice on work using models such as interpreting the results or identifying problems? What role do models play for you in terms of communications between the different groups you have to work with?
6. Stock assessment models. What do you see as the main strengths and weaknesses of stock assessment models? Can you suggest how the 'perfect model' might roughly be made up?
7. Bio-economic models of fisheries. Another type of model used in fisheries is bio-economic models. How often do you use these kinds of models? What roles do bio-economic models play in your everyday work? What information do they need to include to be useful for you.? What do you see as the main strengths and weaknesses of bio-economic models?
8. Our project's model. In our project we are working on developing a type of bio-economic model that is based on evaluating alternative management scenarios rather than focusing primarily on estimating parameters of fish stocks. Have you ever made use of models using a similar approach? (If yes get a reasonably detailed story of what he or she did or does with such models, who is involved, what kinds of decisions are made, etc.) Can you think of questions that you face where this kind of approach would be particularly useful? What are some alternative management scenarios that you would want a bio-economic model to be able to evaluate? (Probe here for a good list.)
9. Using models in communication. How could such a model be used to facilitate communications among the groups you have to work with? they use model to relate to other stakeholders in decision making? Who would be interested? What have you learned about how to present models? How does this vary by groups? Do you think models presented on a computer is a good, OK or bad way to explain what it is the particular model is illustrating.?