

Policy Statement on Providing Independent Advice

The Quantitative Fisheries Center (QFC) aims to produce useful and beneficial information for its supporting partners and other natural resource agencies, stakeholders, and Rightsholders to assist in natural resource management. On all projects, QFC staff will consider the requester's needs, concerns, and views, and will seek out useful information from all sources to inform the work performed. The information and advice QFC staff provide will represent best scientific judgement considering available data, analytic/modeling results, sources of uncertainty, and previous research results. The QFC values the independence of the information we provide, and QFC staff should strive to provide information and advice reflecting best scientific judgement unadulterated by official or unofficial positions held by requesting agencies or agencies providing QFC funding support. While work performed by QFC staff at the request of a natural resource agency may lay out the likely consequences of different management actions, it is not intended to advocate for any specific management action.