

## **9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We thank E.J. Dick, Marc Mangel and his research group, Steve Ralston, and Andi Stephens for their help. We also thank Rick Methot for adapting his Stock Synthesis program to include the dome-shaped maturity function and general technical assistance with Synthesis. We also thank Rich Charter, Brenda Erwin, Milton Love, Wade VanBuskirk, Dave VenTresca, Wendy Dunlap, Steve Wertz, Howatt King, Bob Leos, Traci Bishop, Eric Knaggs, and Deb Wilson-Vandenberg for supplying data and for logistical support.