Simulation initialization

Get case arguments given scenario ID get caseval()

Validate input models, copy folders, and rename files; copy bias-adjusted .ctl file if needed

verify input(), copy ss3models()

Operating model

Specify recruitment deviations

change_recdevs()

Specify fishing-mortality trajectory in .par file change_f()

Specify (possibly) time-varying parameters (e.g. natural mortality, growth, maturity, fecundity, selectivity) in .par file change_tv()

Run the operating model

run_ss3model()

Survey and composition sampling

Sample fleet data with observation error and write to the estimation model .dat file — can include fishery-dependent and -independent abundance index, age-composition data, and length-composition data change_index(), change_agecomp(), change_lcomp()

Manipulate the starter file for retrospective analysis change_retro()

Estimation model

Manipulate estimation model; add forecasting if needed change_e()

Run the estimation model

run ss3model()

Calculate bias-adjustment factor if needed

run_bias_ss3()

Repeat for scenarios and iterations