

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the meeting schedule for 2014. The SSC suggests that the meeting dates of two currently scheduled meetings for 2014 be adjusted slightly. The SSC suggests that its March meeting be expanded from two days to three days (March 7 to 9) with the first day devoted to a review of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) State of the Ecosystem Report. This would necessitate that the Pacific sardine Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel be shifted one day earlier and occur from March 3 to 6.

The Economic Subcommittee will be meeting with the GMT to discuss the socioeconomic models to be used in future specification processes. The plan is to schedule this meeting in association with one of the 2014 Council meetings.

The groundfish historical catch reconstruction workshop will likely occur sometime in late 2014. Timing of this workshop will depend on the progress made by Washington.

The SSC recommends a Council-sponsored full review of the Atlantis model. This would allow involvement of the public as well as Council Advisory Bodies, and would facilitate a better understanding of the appropriate use of ecosystem models in the Council process. Review of the Atlantis model would likely occur in June 2014 at the earliest.

The NWFSC will take the lead on the workshop for methods of data reweighting. Dr. Chris Francis will possibly be in the country during the first half of 2014 and, as a leading expert on this topic, his participation in this workshop would be extremely beneficial.

A potential CPS survey methodology review was discussed but the schedule for this review cannot be set at this time as it requires input from the two proponents of the surveys (Pacific Northwest and California aerial). The SSC recommends this be a Council-sponsored review.

A Groundfish Subcommittee conference call to finalize overfishing limits (OFLs) and harvest specifications for 2014 will be scheduled for some time in December. This would also include the evaluation of the completed cowcod rebuilding analysis. The exact dates will be set after a poll of potential participants is conducted.

The following tables are provided to assist the Scientific and Statistical Committee to plan meetings and workshops that involve SSC participation. The meetings and workshops are based on the Council's 2014 meeting schedule and off-year science improvements decided by the Council in September 2013.

DRAFT Tentative Council and SSC Meeting Dates for 2014

| Council Meeting Dates | Location | Likely SSC Mtg Dates | Major Topics |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>March 8-13, 2014 Advisory Bodies may begin Fri, March 7 Council Session begins Sat, March 8</p> | <p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sacramento 2001 Point West Way Sacramento, CA 95815 Phone: 916-929-8855</p> | <p>Three Day SSC Session Fri, March 7 – Sun, March 9</p> | <p>IEA annual report Final CPS EFP Sardine harvest param. Review Groundfish methodology review Groundfish 2015-16 spex Rockfish barotrauma mort. rates Salmon review/Pre I CA current & IEA reports</p> |
| <p>April 5-10, 2014 Advisory Bodies may begin Fri, Apr 4 Council Session begins Sat, Apr 5</p> | <p>Hilton Vancouver Washington 301 W. Sixth Street Vancouver, WA 98660 USA Phone: 360-993-4500</p> | <p>Two Day SSC Session Fri, April 4 – Sat, April 5</p> | <p>Pacific sardine assess. Groundfish 2015-16 spex Groundfish electronic monitoring Salmon methodology topic selection</p> |
| <p>June 20-25, 2014 Advisory Bodies may begin Thu, June 19 Council Session begins Fri, June 20</p> | <p>Hyatt Regency Orange County 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840 Phone: 714-750-1234</p> | <p>Two Day SSC Session Thu, June 19 – Fri, June 20</p> | <p>Mackerel HG & mgt. measures Pacific sardine methodology review Groundfish 2015-16 spex Prelim. groundfish stock assess. plan & ToRs Groundfish electronic monitoring HMS mgt. measures, SDC, and ref. pts.</p> |
| <p>September 12-17, 2014 Advisory Bodies may begin Thu, Sept 11 Council Session begins Fri, Sept 12</p> | <p>DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center 322 N. Spokane Falls Court Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: 509-455-9600</p> | <p>Two Day SSC Session Thu, Sept 11 – Fri Sept 12</p> | <p>Plan science improvements Salmon methodology topic priorities Final groundfish stock assess. plan & ToRs Groundfish EFH amendment Halibut bycatch estimate</p> |
| <p>November 14-19, 2014 Advisory Bodies may begin Thu, Nov 13 Council Session begins Fri, Nov 14</p> | <p>Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa 3050 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Phone: 714-540-7000</p> | <p>Two Day SSC Session Thu, Nov 13 – Fri, Nov 14</p> | <p>Prelim. CPS EFP Salmon methodology review</p> |

SSC meeting dates and durations are tentative and are subject to change in response to Council meeting dates, agendas, workload, etc.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2014

Tentative – Depended on funding, dates subject to change

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▨ – Setbacks exist, Questionable; ■ – Funding or Prep. Not Avail, likely to be canceled or postponed

| | Workshop/Meeting | Potential Dates | Sponsor/ Tentative Location | SSC Reps. | Additional Reviewers | AB Reps. | Council Staff |
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| 1 | Pacific Sardine STAR Panel | March 3-6 | Council La Jolla | Punt, Key | 2 CIE | CPSMT/ CPSAS | Griffin |
| 2 | CPS Survey Methodology Review | TBD | Council TBD | CPS Subcm | TBD | CPSMT/ CPSAS | Griffin |
| 3 | Groundfish Historical Catch Reconstructions | Late 2014 | TBD | GF Subcm | None | GMT GAP | DeVore |
| 4 | Methods for Data Reweighting | TBD | NWFSC/ TBD | GF & CPS Subcms | TBD | GMT GAP | DeVore |
| 5 | Reference Points (Bzero) Workshop II | TBD | TBD | GF Subcm | CIE/External 1-3: | GMT GAP | DeVore |
| 6 | Evaluation of Stock Productivity Methodological Approaches | TBD | TBD | GF Subcm | TBD | GMT GAP | DeVore |
| 7 | Review Atlantis model | TBD June-Dec. | NWFSC/ TBD | EBM Subcm | TBD | EAS | Burner |
| 8 | Improving Socioeconomic Analysis | TBD | Council/ TBD | Econ Subcm | TBD | GMT GAP | DeVore, Dahl |

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| 9 | Salmon Methodology Review | Oct. | Council | Salmon Subcm | None | STT SAS | Burner |
| 10 | Transboundary Groundfish Stocks | ? | Council | 2 TBD? | ? | GMT GAP | DeVore |