

Proposed Groundfish Stock Assessment Activities for 2004-2005

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Table 1 lists stock assessments that could be conducted in 2005. This list includes suggested agency leads. This list does not identify which assessments will be full assessments and which will be updates. Clearly, a significant number will have to be updated assessments if the full list of stocks proposed here is to be assessed. A final list of stocks and agency leads needs to be finalized before planning for workshops in 2004 can proceed. It is unclear if there are the resources and expertise on the west coast to conduct all stock assessments listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Proposed Stock Assessments for 2005

Species	Agency Lead
Arrowtooth	NWFSC
Bank Rockfish	SWFSC
Blackgill	SWFSC
Bocaccio	SWFSC
Cabazon	NWFSC
California scorpionfish	CDFG
Canary	NWFSC
Chilipepper	SWFSC
Cowcod	SWFSC
Darkblotched	NWFSC
Dover sole	NWFSC
English Sole	NWFSC
Lingcod	WDFW
Longspine Thornyhead	NWFSC
Pacific Hake	NWFSC
Petrale Sole	NWFSC
POP	NWFSC
Sablefish	NWFSC
Shortbelly	SWFSC
Shortspine Thornyhead	NWFSC
Vermillion	SWFSC
Widow	SWFSC
Yelloweye	WDFW/NWFSC
Yellowtail	NWFSC

The multi-year management process specifies that the “off” years can be used to conduct workshops to refine modeling and stock assessment approaches. The NWFSC proposes to coordinate three workshops in 2004 to facilitate the stock assessment process.

The first workshop will review the methods for calculating recreational CPUE.

The second workshop will focus on data needs for stock assessment. We propose that discussions between authors and data managers and others regarding data needs for the stock assessments occur at this first workshop. We will ask authors to discuss all potential data sources that will be used in assessments.

The third workshop will focus on new models and modeling issues that are relevant to the following year’s stock assessments. During this workshop the NWFSC proposes to introduce a flexible ADMB model. Other topics that will be discussed are: methods for communicating uncertainty in assessment documents, modeling approaches that are planned by each author and refinement of the terms of reference for the 2005 stock assessment review process.

Table 2. Proposed Workshops coordinated by the NWFSC for 2004

Title	Timing	Location
Recreational CPUE Methods	April 2004	Santa Cruz
Stock assessment data workshop	July 2004	Newport
Stock assessment modeling workshop	September 2004	Seattle

Finally, the following is a proposed schedule for the review of stock assessments in 2005 (Table 3). A list of possible species for each panel is included in the table for discussion purposes only. A final list of species to be given updated assessment versus full assessments must be developed prior to finalizing the species to be included in each panel.

Table 3. Proposed Stock Assessment Review Schedule

Panel	Possible Species	Time	Location
STAR Full Assessment Panel One	Pacific Hake	February	Seattle
STAR Full Assessment Panel Two	Sablefish, Dover, Shortspine Thornyhead, Longspine Thornyhead	May	Newport
STAR Full Assessment Panel Three	Petrale, English, Arrowtooth	May	Seattle
STAR Full Assessment Panel Four	Chilipepper, Vermillion, Bank, Splitnose, Shortbelly	Late May	Santa Cruz
STAR Full Assessment Panel Five	Cowcod, California Scorpionfish, Yelloweye	June	La Jolla
STAR Update Panel One	Five species	August	TBA
STAR Update Panel Two	Five species	August	TBA