

**SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
 STOCK ASSESSMENT PLANNING FOR 2007-2008 FISHERY MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Elizabeth Clarke presented the proposed groundfish stock assessment schedule for 2005 (Exhibit E.3.b, Attachment 1, Table 1) to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), which included 24 species, and identified the lead agency for each assessment.

After discussing the proposal with Dr. Clarke, the SSC recommends deleting three species: arrowtooth, bank, and chilipepper and adding starry flounder and splitnose to the 2005 stock assessment list. If the SSC recommendation was adopted, 23 species would be assessed in 2005. Sixteen species would require a full assessment and seven species would be updated assessments. This will require four Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels for the full assessments and two panels for the update assessments (Table 1).

Although this is an extensive list, Dr. Clarke indicated that authors for most species have been identified. In order to complete all assessments, careful planning is required to utilize available personnel in an efficient manner.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee plans to update the Terms of Reference for the 2005 stock assessment review process. This update will be presented to the Council at the November 2004 meeting.

Table 1. SSC proposed stock assessments in 2005.

Species	Full or Update assessment
Blackgill	full
California scorpionfish	full
Canary	full
Cowcod	full
Darkblotched	full
Dover sole	full
English sole	full
Longspine thornyhead	full
Pacific hake	full
Petrале sole	full
Sablefish	full
Shortbelly	full
Shortspine thornyhead	full
Splitnose	full
Starry flounder	full
Vermillion	full
Bocaccio	update
Cabazon	update

Lingcod	update
POP	update
Widow	update
Yelloweye	update
Yellowtail	update

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