

STOCK ASSESSMENT PLANNING FOR 2007-2008 MANAGEMENT

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The following tables summarize the advice from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center regarding the priorities and schedules for workshops and stock assessments for 2007-2008 management of groundfish. Table 1 lists the stocks that are recommended for assessment, in order of priority, with the highest priority given to overfished stocks. The assessments are designated as likely for full or updated assessments. The availability of data for gopher, kelp greenling and starry flounder was reviewed and some experts believed that these assessments could be completed. Therefore, we recommend that these species be included for assessment. Three stocks that were considered for assessment, bank, splitnose and shortbelly, cannot be assessed given the current restraints on workload. We recommend these assessments be deferred to the next cycle.

Table 2 summarizes the workload for all agencies. The workload is near the capacity for all participants. Table 3 lists the STAR panels that must be conducted to review all assessments. Four full assessments will be reviewed at each STAR panel. In order to complete all four reviews efficiently, participation by authors in pre-assessment data and modeling workshops is essential. The proposed dates for the pre-assessment workshops as well as the recreational CPUE workshops are listed in Table 4. An additional STAR panel is recommended, based on discussion with the SSC, in the event that any contentious assessments need final review and resolution. This will make it more likely that the reviews of four assessments can be completed efficiently at one STAR panel.

the tables were provided as a
powerpoint.

Table 1. Stock Assessments and Priorities

Agency	Status	Priority	Species
SWFSC	update	1	Boccacio
NWFSC	full	1	Canary
SWFSC	full	1	Cowcod
NWFSC	full	1	Darkblotched
WDFW	update	1	Lingcod
NWFSC	update	1	POP
SWFSC	update	1	Widow
WDFW	update	1	Yelloweye
NWFSC	update	1	Yellowtail
NWFSC	full	2	Blackgill
NWFSC	full	2	Cabazon
NWFSC	full	2	Dover sole
NWFSC	full	2	English Sole
NWFSC	full	2	Longspine Thornyhead
NWFSC	full	2	Pacific Hake
NWFSC	full	2	Petrale Sole
NWFSC	full	2	Sablefish
NWFSC	full	2	Shortspine Thornyhead
CDFG	full	3	California scorpionfish
SWFSC	full	3	Gopher
SWFSC	full	3	Kelp Greenling
SWFSC	full	3	Starry Flounder
SWFSC	full	3	Vermillion
NONE	full	3	Bank Rockfish
NONE	full	4	Shortbelly
NONE	full	4	Splitnose

Priorities: 1=overfished, 2=large landings 3=new species suggested by advisory groups
4= others

Table 2. Work Load

Agency	Full	Updates	Total
NWFSC	11	2	13
SWFSC	5	2	7
WDFW		2	2
CDFG	1		1
ODFW			0
Total			23

Table 3. STAR Panels

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	Petrals, English, Starry Flounder, Canary	May	Seattle
STAR Full Assessment Panel Four	California Scorpionfish, Cabezon, Gopher, Greenling	Late May	Santa Cruz
STAR Full Assessment Panel Five	Cowcod, Vermillion Blackgill, Darkblotched	June	La Jolla
STAR Update Panel One	Yellowtail, Bocaccio, Lingcod	August	Long Beach
STAR Update Panel Two	POP, Yelloweye, Widow	August	Seattle
WRAP UP STAR PANEL	As needed to finalize results from any problematic assessments	TBA	TBA

Table 4. 2004 Workshop Dates and Times

Topic	Date	Location
Recreational CPUE	June 29-30	Santa Cruz
Stock Assessment Data	July 26-30	Seattle
Stock Assessment Modeling Workshop	October 25-29	TBA