

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed its anticipated schedule of subcommittee meetings, workshops, methodology reviews, and stock assessment reviews for 2017. The attached table reflects the SSC's anticipated schedule at this time. Dates, staffing, and locations are subject to change and meetings may be added or removed from this list depending on workload, meeting site availability, Council priorities, and the timely completion of relevant analyses.

The SSC also discussed a potential Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee meeting to discuss economic analyses of the impacts of different Essential Fish Habitat and Rockfish Conservation Area alternatives. The SSC suggests this would be best handled via webinar or a regular agenda item for the full SSC in March.

The SSC recommends review of changes to the GMT's nearshore and non-nearshore models be carried out as regular agenda items during the March (discard mortality rates) and September (other changes) 2017 Council meetings as described in the Supplemental SSC report under agenda item F.2, with the option to follow up during the "mop-up" meeting of the Groundfish Subcommittee at the end of September if needed.

The SSC recommends a half hour item on the Council's April 2017 agenda to consider topic selection for the 2018 Coastal Pelagic Species methodology review, given the likelihood that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center will be prepared to host a review of the Acoustic Trawl Method in early 2018 (Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental SWFSC Report 2), which would need significant advance planning and coordination.

An expert in geostatistics would be very helpful for the review of groundfish assessment methods proposed for January or February of 2017.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2017

Workshop/Meeting		Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Review of Groundfish Assessment Methods	Jan or Feb (~3 days)	Council/ Seattle WA	GF Subcommittee	Geostatistics Expert	GMT GAP	DeVore
2	Sardine Assessment Review	Feb. 21-24	Council/ La Jolla, CA	Punt (Chair)	2 CIE + Brown + 1	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
3	Webinar on GMT's nearshore and non-nearshore model changes	late Feb / early Mar	Webinar	GF Subcommittee	None	GMT GAP?	DeVore
4	P. Mackerel Update Review	Apr. 8	Council/ Sacramento, CA	CPS Subcommittee	None	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
5	CPS Methodology Review	Spring	Council/ La Jolla, CA	Punt (Chair), Brown, Hamel	1-2 CIE + SWFSC Assessment Scientist	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
6	5-year IFQ Program	May 24-25	Council/ Seattle, WA	GF & Economics Subcommittees	None	GMT GAP	Seger
7	Groundfish Update Assessments & Cowcod Catch Report Review	June 6	Council/ Spokane, WA	GF Subcommittee	None	GMT GAP	DeVore
8	Lingcod & Yelloweye STAR Panel	June 26-30	Council/ Seattle, WA	Sampson (Chair)	2 CIE + Piner	GMT GAP	DeVore

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9	Yellowtail RF & POP STAR Panel	July 10-14	Council/ Seattle, WA	Field (Chair)	2 CIE + Budrick	GMT GAP	DeVore
10	Blue/Deacon RF & CA Scorp. STAR Panel	July 24-28	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Dorn (Chair)	2 CIE + Hamel	GMT GAP	DeVore
11	CCIEA Indicator Review	Sep 13-14	Council/ Boise, ID	Ecosystem Subcommittee	None	None	Dahl
12	Groundfish Mop-up	Sep 25-29	Council/ Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee	None ¹	GMT ²	DeVore
13	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. TBD	Council/ Portland, OR	Salmon Subcommittee	None	STT SAS MEW	TBD
14	National SSC Meeting	December? TBD	Council & NMFS/ TBD	Satterthwaite, Punt, +2(?) TBD	TBD	None	DeVore Others? TBD

¹ Possibly CIE if stock assessments are referred to mop-up.

² If review of GMT's nearshore and non-nearshore model changes not fully completed at September Council meeting.