

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON
SCHEDULING THE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL, NON-STAR
ASSESSMENT PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT IN 2018-20.

As part of Supplemental SSC Report F.4.a, the Council was informed of now-corrected errors in the CalCOM data which affected 2015 stock assessments for canary and chilipepper rockfishes, and the need for correcting both of those assessments to inform management in 2018, as well as in 2019-20. Additionally, the SSC proposed that new data-poor assessments be conducted for gopher rockfish and starry flounder, in lieu of relying on projections from the very dated 2005 assessments. In the Supplemental GMT Report F.4.a, the GMT expressed concern about delaying review of these assessments until the mop-up, in late-September. NMFS appreciates those concerns and believes that all four of these products can be developed in time for SSC review prior to September Council consideration of stock assessments.

The GMT expressed similar concerns about potential revision of sigma values, which inform the calculation of ABC values, after the September meeting. As the time of NWFSC staff involved in this summer's assessments permits, the Center will *attempt* to have its analysis of the relationship between assessment age and the uncertainty of projections available prior to the September meeting, however meeting that goal is less certain than our ability to complete the four assessments in that timeframe.