

ACOUSTIC TRAWL SURVEY METHODOLOGY REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

At the April 2017 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting, the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) proposed a methodology review for its acoustic-trawl survey methodology (ATM). The Council approved the review, which is scheduled for January 30 – February 2, 2018, at the SWFSC in La Jolla, California, and requested a terms of reference (ToR) to be developed for consideration and adoption at the September Council meeting.

Methodology reviews are planned to provide peer review of stock survey or other methodologies for potential inclusion in stock assessments or other Council products. Upon the recommendation of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and approval by the Council, the methodology may then be used to inform Council products and decision making. For coastal pelagic species (CPS), the joint CPS and groundfish ToR for methodology reviews describe the review process, including the preliminary stage of determining which methodologies should be considered for a formal review.

At this meeting, the Council will consider the draft ToR (Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1), provide any edits or recommendations, including prioritization of elements described in the ToR, and approve it for use in guiding the 2018 ATM methodology review.

Council Action:

Consider and approve the draft terms of reference for the 2018 acoustic-trawl survey methodology review.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1: Draft Terms of Reference for the 2018 Acoustic-Trawl Survey Methodology Review.

Agenda Order:

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| C.1 | Acoustic Trawl Survey Methodology Review Terms of Reference | Kerry Griffin |
| a. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Action: Approve Terms of Reference for the 2018 Acoustic-Trawl Survey Methodology Review | |