

## METHODOLOGY REVIEW – PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

Council Operating Procedure 25 ([COP 25](#)) specifies the Council process for reviewing proposed new methodologies to inform management decisions. Two types of methodologies are considered in COP 25, groundfish impact analyses and those proposed for use in groundfish stock assessments.

One proposal to determine fish ages using a spectroscopy analysis of otoliths and vertebrae was received by the briefing book deadline from the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center (Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 1). The Groundfish Management Team may also propose new impact projection models or other models to inform future management decisions at their September meeting.

The Council should consider the recommendations on any new proposed groundfish methodologies or impact analyses and schedule a formal methodology review next year of those proposals meriting a review for some time in 2019.

### **Council Action:**

#### **Adopt Preliminary Topics for Review in 2019.**

#### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 1: Proposal for a Methodology Review of the Determination of Fish Ages Using Fourier-transform Near-infrared Spectroscopy (FT-NIRS) Analysis of Otoliths and Vertebrae.

#### **Agenda Order:**

#### I.5 Methodology Review – Preliminary Topic Selection

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Topics for Review in 2019