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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed future workload planning and has the following updates and recommendations. In March, the SSC recommended that the reviews for update stock assessments for widow rockfish and petrale sole be postponed to the August Groundfish Subcommittee meeting to allow for additional age composition data for these assessments. Thus, a June Groundfish Subcommittee meeting is not necessary. To facilitate that review, the SSC recommends that the August groundfish subcommittee meeting be a two-day meeting in either Portland, OR or Seattle on August 20-21.

As reported in the SSC report on future meeting planning in March, the SSC recommends that the SSC Ecosystem (SSCES) and Highly Migratory Species (SSCHMS) subcommittees review drivers of albacore distribution and availability to fisheries, and that the SSCES review spatial indicators of bottom contact by trawl gear and fixed gear. The SSCES also proposes reviewing the salmon forecasts and the stoplight indicators that were presented in the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Supplementary Materials, pending availability of IEA team members. If either of the salmon items are reviewed, the meeting would benefit from joint review with the SSC Salmon Subcommittee.

The SSC continues to recommend a Groundfish Mop-up review panel be held, if needed, from September 30 to October 4, 2019 in Seattle.

The SSC recommends that a salmon methodology review be held in October of 2019, most likely in Portland, OR, with final topics to be decided in September.

The SSC recommends that the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) survey methodology review be rescheduled for early 2020. The SSC will notify the Council of likely dates by September.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2019 and 2020											
	Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff				
1	Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel	Apr. 23 – 25	Council/ La Jolla, CA	Hamel (Chair), Shelton, Budrick	CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin				
2	Cabezon STAR Panel	May 6-10	Council/ Newport, OR	Sharma (Chair)	Cook (CIE) Cadigan (CIE) White (OSU)	Mirick (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore Phillips				
3	Longnose and Big Skates STAR Panel	June 3-7	Council/ Seattle, WA	Sampson (Chair)	Cook (CIE), TBD (CIE) Szulwalski (AFSC)	Doerpinghaus (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore				
4	Sablefish STAR Panel	July 8-12	Council/ Seattle, WA	Field (Chair)	Cook (CIE) TBD (CIE) Ianelli (AFSC)	Mirick (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore Phillips				
5	Gopher/Black-and-Yellow RF and Cowcod STAR Panel	July 22-26	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair), Satterthwaite	Cook (CIE) TBD (CIE)	Mandrup (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore(?) Phillips				
6	Review of STAR Panel Reviews to Develop the Mop-Up Review, if needed; Review of full and update GF assessments	Aug. 20-21	Council/ Portland, OR or Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore				

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7	Ecosystem Indicators Review, Including Review of Analyses of Drivers of Albacore Distribution and Availability to Fisheries in the California Current	Sep. 11	Council/ Boise, ID	HMS, Salmon, & Ecosystem Subcommittees	TBD	None	Dahl DeVore				
8	Groundfish Mop-Up Review Panel, if needed	Sep. 30 – Oct. 4	Council/ Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee members	Cook (CIE)	GMT GAP	DeVore				
9	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. TBD	Council/ TBD	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlke				
10	Review of Nearshore ROV Survey Designs and Methodologies	Winter 2020 TBD	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair?), Shelton, Tsou, Sharma, Berger, Field	CIE	None	DeVore				
11	Groundfish STAR Process Review	Fall 2019/Winter 2020 TBD	Council/ TBD	STAR Chairs and Reviewers	Cook (CIE)	GMT/GAP	DeVore Phillips				
12	Data-Limited Methodology Workshop	2020 - TBD	Council/ TBD	GF & CPS Subcommittee members	TBD	TBD	DeVore				

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