

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 addition to the August 20-21st Groundfish Subcommittee meeting currently scheduled to review stock assessment updates (including catch-only updates) and benchmark assessments from recent and upcoming Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panels, the SSC recommends a one day webinar at a date to be determined in late August to discuss and review the 2021-22 groundfish harvest specifications database currently under development, and associated overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for stocks that are not being assessed or updated in the 2019 assessment cycle. Due to workload obligations associated with ongoing STAR panels and the preparation of update assessments, SSC review of the 2021-2022 OFL and ABC recommendations will, by necessity, happen after the advanced briefing materials are submitted to the September 2019 briefing book.

The SSC recommends that the September Council meeting include a three-day SSC meeting, to enable one full day to be devoted to the review of California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) products, including drivers of albacore distribution and availability to fisheries, spatial indicators of bottom contact by trawl gear and fixed gear, and salmon forecasts and stoplight indicators that were presented in the CCIEA Supplementary Materials early in 2019. The rationale for a full SSC meeting for the CCIEA review is that the associated subcommittees that should be involved (Ecosystem, Highly Migratory Species, and Salmon) collectively and include all current SSC members.

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

The Council has tasked the Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee, the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and the Southwest Fisheries Science Center with holding a workshop to evaluate several issues, including; 1) the nearshore estimation methodologies necessary to complement the acoustic trawl survey abundance estimates; 2) discussing the potential to more fully develop Dr. André Punt's illustrative example of the tradeoffs associated with alternative frequencies of revisiting OFLs and ABCs for central subpopulation of northern anchovy; and 3) develop alternatives for accountability measures that would be triggered at specific stock levels. Meeting dates have not yet been settled, but several dates in early October are under consideration for a two-day meeting. Results of the meeting should be reported at the November 2019 Council meeting.

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 a “Groundfish STAR Process Review” (aka, “post-mortem”) workshop take place in December of 2019, to include all Stock Assessors Team leads, STAR Panel chairs, advisory body representatives, and other reviewers and participants as appropriate.

The SSC recommends that the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) survey methodology review be rescheduled for early 2020. The SSC recommends early February of 2020, likely February 3-7.

The SSC recommends that the Pacific sardine stock assessment be reviewed in a week long STAR Panel, in late winter (presumably February), to be held in La Jolla.

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	Review of Proposed 2021-22 Groundfish Harvest Specifications	1 day webinar between Aug. 15 and Sep. 11 (TBD)	Council/ Webinar	GF Subcommittee members	NA	None	DeVore
2	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
3	Groundfish Mop-Up Review Panel, if needed	Sep. 30 – Oct. 4	Council/ Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee members	Cook (CIE)	GMT GAP	DeVore
4	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. TBD	Council/ TBD	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlke
5	CSNA Assessment and Modelling Workshop	Oct. 3-4? TBD	Council/ TBD	CPS Subcommittee members	NA	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
6	Groundfish STAR Process Review	Fall 2019/Winter 2020 TBD	Council/ TBD	STAR Chairs and Reviewers	Cook (CIE)	GMT GAP	DeVore Phillips
7	Review of Nearshore ROV Survey Designs and Methodologies	Feb. 3-7	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair), Shelton, Tsou, Sharma, Berger,	CIE	None	DeVore

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8 Pacific Sardine STAR Panel	Winter 2020 TBD	Council/ La Jolla, CA	CPS Subcommittee members (Punt – chair)	CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
9 Data-Limited Methodology Workshop	2020 - TBD	Council/ TBD	GF & CPS Subcommittee members	TBD	TBD	DeVore

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