

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

**November 2019**

*Groundfish*

- Reduce Agenda Item G.7 Gear Switching and Sablefish Area Management Update to 2 hr

**Year at a Glance**

*Coastal Pelagic Species*

On July 9, 2019, NMFS notified the Council that Pacific sardine is overfished. The current Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance has agenda items for Sardine Rebuilding Plan shaded for the April, June, and September Council meetings. Therefore, the proposed schedule in the Year-at-a-Glance is necessary for the Council to have time to prepare and submit a rebuilding plan to NMFS within 15 months of that date to ensure NMFS can implement the rebuilding plan by July 9, 2021 (within 2 years of Council notification).

*Groundfish*

- Add “Review of draft Humpback Incidental Take Statement” to March 2020
- Add “EM Program Regulatory Changes: Preliminary” to April 2020
- Add “EM Program Regulatory Changes: Final” to June 2020

*Salmon*

The current Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary includes the salmon season setting. At the September meeting, the Council discussed the possibility that the SRKW ad-hoc workgroup work may continue beyond November given the amount of work remaining, and supported that work, should that be the case. The March 2020 Council meeting should include some time to review the status of the SRKW workgroup work and the approach to 2019 to assess effects on SRKW.