

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.

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

The SSC notes the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) survey methodology review is scheduled for February 3-7.

The SSC recommends the Pacific sardine stock assessment be reviewed in a week long STAR Panel, to be held in La Jolla, tentatively during the week of February 24th, 2020.

The SSC recommends a groundfish methodology review of “Data-moderate assessment approaches that are highly reliant on length data” ([Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 2](#)). This review could be combined with a workshop to further evaluate alternative data-poor and data-moderate assessment methods. This review could take place in January or February of 2020, given that the reports from both the review and the workshop would be helpful in planning for the 2021 stock assessment plan.

The SSC recommends the March Council meeting include an agenda item in which reports from the above two groundfish methodology review items are delivered. The SSC also notes that the Pacific hake treaty joint management committee meeting is currently set for March 11-13, therefore the Council may wish to move the Whiting treaty implementation agenda item from March to April 2020.

The SSC recommends a groundfish methodology review of the Oregon combined visual-hydroacoustic survey of Oregon’s nearshore semi-pelagic rockfish ([Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1](#)) be scheduled for the fall of 2020.

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	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. 22	Council/ Webinar	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlke
2	Review of Nearshore ROV Survey Designs and Methodologies	Feb 3-7, 2020	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair?), Shelton, Tsou, Sharma, Berger, Field	CIE	None	DeVore
3	Groundfish STAR Process Review	Dec 2020	Council/ Webinar; Venue TBD	STAR Chairs and Reviewers	Cook (CIE)	GMT/GAP	DeVore Phillips
4	Data-Limited Methodology Workshop, Possibly Combined with Length-Based Data- Moderate Assessment Methodologies Review	Jan/Feb 2020	Council/ TBD	GF & CPS Subcommittee members	TBD	TBD	DeVore
5	Oregon Combined Visual- Hydroacoustic Survey Methodology Review	Fall 2020	Council/ TBD	GF Subcommittee	CIE – Acoustics Expert	TBD	DeVore