

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed an anticipated methodology review for data-limited methods, currently envisioned as a three-day meeting in either late April or early May 2020, with final dates to be determined prior to the April Council meeting. Dr. André Punt has tentatively agreed to chair this meeting. The meeting will include both a formal methodology review of two length-based data limited stock assessment methods (Length-based Integrated Mixed Effects, or LIME, and simple implementation of Stock Synthesis, SSS) proposed in September of 2019 ([Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 2, September 2019](#)), as well as a workshop to review of a variety of data-limited approaches and tools not explicitly under review for use in the 2021 stock assessment cycle. As reported in November, the SSC does not see a need for a committee of independent experts reviewer, and the SSC continues to recommend that Drs. Tom Carruthers and Adrian Hordyk be invited to participate.

In light of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) decision to postpone the methodology review for the ODFW visual-hydroacoustic nearshore rockfish survey, the SSC has removed this from the near-term planning.

The SSC recommends a webinar be held in April to discuss suggested and additional changes to the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Review Process for 2021-2022. The webinar should include Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species stock assessment analysts and Council advisory body representatives.

The 7th national meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS7) is currently planned to be held August 4-6, 2020 in Sitka, Alaska. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will host the meeting, which will focus on ongoing developments to better incorporate ecosystem indicators into the stock assessment process and otherwise consider ecosystem information by management. The SSC anticipates developing a preliminary list of Pacific Fishery Management Council SSC attendees at the April Council meeting.

**Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2020**

|   | <b>Workshop/Meeting</b>  | <b>Potential Dates</b>    | <b>Sponsor/<br/>Tentative<br/>Location</b> | <b>SSC Reps.</b>                | <b>Additional<br/>Reviewers</b> | <b>AB Reps.</b> | <b>Council<br/>Staff</b> |
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| 1 | Webinar for the Terms of Reference for Groundfish and CPS stock assessments  | April 2020                | Council/<br>webinar                        | GF and CPS subcommittee members | Stock Assessment Analysts       | TBD             | DeVore                   |
| 2 | Data-Limited Methodology Workshop, Combined with Length-Based Data-Moderate Assessment Methodologies Review        | Late April/early May 2020 | Council/<br>TBD                            | GF Subcommittee Members         | Carruthers,<br>Hordyk           | TBD             | DeVore                   |
| 3 | 7 <sup>th</sup> National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee | August 4-6, 2020          | NPFMC/<br>Sitka, AK                        | 4 TBD                           | NA                              | NA              | DeVore                   |
| 4 | Salmon Methodology Review  | October 2020              | Council/TBD                                | Salmon Subcommittee             | NA                              | STT, MEW        | Ehlke                    |