

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met November 12 and 13, 2020, and discussed future Council meeting agenda items and workload planning.

A subgroup of the SSC and Mr. John DeVore have been working on a database design for Research and Data Needs, and the SSC finds this topic ready for review by other advisory bodies and the Council in March 2021. An informational report on this project is available in the November briefing book ([Informational Report 3](#)).

Work on predicting gear-switching behavior in the sablefish fishery should be ready for review by the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees before the March 2021 Council meetings and the SSC recommends this review.

At the request of the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) team, the SSC proposes a meeting of the CCIEA team and the SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee in January 2021 to discuss portions of the annual Ecosystem Status Report for which data collection and processing were impacted by COVID-19 precautions.

For groundfish and coastal pelagic species (CPS), the attached table shows the proposed schedule for the 2021 Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panels, as well as SSC Groundfish Subcommittee reviews of data-moderate and data-limited assessments, and the post-assessment review process at the end of the year.

The SSC supports the Sablefish Management Evaluation Strategy (MSE) team's proposal to engage with Council stakeholders in a workshop in Spring of 2021.

The SSC recommends an SSC Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Subcommittee meeting before the March 2021 Council meeting to review proposed proxies for status determination criteria to inform domestic management of bigeye and yellowfin tunas.

Finally, [Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1](#) states that the STT's *Preseason Report I* will be available in early March 2021. The SSC is currently scheduled to meet the first week of March 2021 and, if these two occurrences happen as scheduled, there will be insufficient time for the SSC to review and approve the contents of *Preseason Report I* for the March meeting, especially if there are changes to forecast and/or exploitation rate calculation methodologies due to sampling disruptions resulting from COVID-19 precautions.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2020 and 2021

	Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees	Winter 2020/2021	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore Seeger
2	SSC Highly Migratory Species Subcommittee	Winter 2020/2021	Council/Webinar	HMS Subcommittee Members	NA	HMSMT HMSAS	DeVore Dahl
3	SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	January 2021	Council/Webinar	Ecosystem Subcommittee Members	CCIEA Team Members	NA	DeVore Dahl
4	Sablefish MSE Workshop?	Spring 2021?	Council/Webinar	TBD	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
5	Pacific Sardine Update Assessment Review (unless a catch-only projection is provided as recommended by the SSC, in which case the full SSC would review).	Spring 2021?	Council/Webinar	CPS Subcommittee Members	NA	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin DeVore
6	Groundfish STAR Panel 1 Dover Sole & Data-Moderate Assessment of Spiny Dogfish	May 3-7, 2021	Council/Webinar	Tsou (Chair) Caltabellotta	2 CIE	GMT GAP	DeVore
7	SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Review of Sablefish Update & and Data Moderate Assessments of Copper Rockfish, Quillback Rockfish, & Squarespot Rockfish	2 days in June, 2021	Council/ Vancouver, WA	Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Marshall and Haltuch - Chairs)	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore

8	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 Lingcod	July 12-16, 2021	Council/TBD	Field (Chair) White	2 CIE	GMT GAP	DeVore
9	Groundfish STAR Panel 3 Vermilion & Sunset Rockfishes	July 26-30, 2021	Council/TBD	Budrick (Chair) TBD	2 CIE	GMT GAP	DeVore
10	7 th National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee	2021?	NPFMC/ Sitka, AK	4 TBD	NA	NA	DeVore
11	SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	September, 2021	Council/ Spokane, WA	SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Members	CCIEA Team	EWG EAS	DeVore Dahl
12	Groundfish mop-up STAR Panel, if needed	September 27- October 1, 2021	Council/TBD	TBD	2 CIE	GMT GAP	DeVore
13	Salmon Methodology Review	October 2021	Council/TBD	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlike
14	CSNA STAR Panel	Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2021	Council/TBD	CPS Subcommittee Members TBD	2 CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin DeVore
15	Proposed Workshop for Conducting Nearshore ROV Surveys	Fall/Winter 2021 After Assessment Cycle, TBD	Council/TBD	TBD	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
16	Post-mortem Review of the Groundfish Assessment Process	Fall/Winter 2021 After Assessment Cycle, TBD	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore