

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE COMMENTS ON FUTURE
 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & WORKLOAD PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO
 REVIEW OF BEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE FRAMEWORKS**

As discussed with the Council in [June 2018](#) and the Council Coordination Committee in October 2018, the [NMFS Procedural Directive NMFS 01-101-10](#) instructs each Region to develop appropriate frameworks for determining that science products used in determining stock status and establishing catch specifications represent the Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA). Representatives of the NW and SW Fisheries Science Centers presented draft outlines of frameworks covering FMPs for Groundfish, CPS, and HMS to the SSC at this meeting. The Agency’s plan is to present the SSC with a framework outline for the salmon FMP at the June Council meeting. Changes/enhancements to the non-salmon frameworks could be reviewed with the SSC either in June or the fall, depending on the SSC’s anticipated workload at those meetings. Revisions to the salmon framework would be reviewed by the SSC in the fall.

NMFS requests that the Council prioritize initial consideration of the draft frameworks for all four of these FMPs at either the September or November meeting, based on the Council’s assessment of its workload at those meetings. Based on the current assumption that the Council would be interested in reviewing revised drafts of those frameworks in the spring, we would recommend at least noting the potential opportunity on the Year-at-a-Glance calendar for conducting a final review at your choice of the spring 2022 meetings.

If a draft of the Salmon framework cannot be presented to the SSC in June, NMFS will submit a discussion of alternative schedules for completing Council review for inclusion in the advanced Briefing Book for the June meeting under future meeting planning.

Table. Proposed schedule for Council and SSC review of draft BSIA frameworks.

Meeting	Presented to SSC	Presented to Council
2021		
March	GF, CPS, & HMS	
June	Salmon	
September or November	Review changes to all	All components - 1st look
2022		
March or April		All components - final look, if needed