

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met March 2 and 3, 2021, and discussed future Council meeting agenda items and workload planning.

As mentioned in the SSC statement under the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) topic, the SSC proposes a meeting of the CCIEA team and the SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee in September 2021 to review work related to the annual report to the Council. It may be beneficial for additional SSC subcommittees to attend if there are topics related to their focus.

For groundfish and coastal pelagic species, the attached table shows the proposed schedule for the 2021 STAR panels, as well as SSC Groundfish Subcommittee reviews of Update and Data-limited assessments, and of the overall assessment process.

In response to a question from National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center members to the SSC related to the upcoming lingcod stock assessment, the SSC addressed the question of what is expected for stock assessment bridging analyses when the spatial structure of an assessment is changed from that of the previous assessment. The current Stock Assessment Terms of Reference requirement is conditioned on new benchmark assessments using the same spatial structure as the previous assessment. The SSC suggests building a model with the new spatial structure, then truncating the time series of data to those years used in the previous assessment, making as few changes to the model structure (e.g., selectivity, growth) as possible. If there are large changes from the previous assessment, Stock Assessment Teams should provide model runs that focus on the most influential data set(s) driving changes in model estimates of spawning biomass and stock status. Age- and length-composition data can be prepared using the current year's data and methods.

The SSC supports the Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) team's plan to engage with Council stakeholders in a workshop on April 27-29, 2021, at which the team will facilitate discussions with stakeholders to identify objectives and performance metrics. Broad stakeholder participation early in a MSE process is helpful to ensure its success.

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Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2021

	Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Pre-assessment Workshop for Lingcod and Vermilion/Sunset Rockfishes	March 29	Council/Webinar	All invited	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore
2	Sablefish MSE Workshop	April 27-29	Council/Webinar	Haltuch +	PSTAT	GMT GAP	DeVore
3	Groundfish STAR Panel 1 Dover Sole & Data-Moderate Assessment of Spiny Dogfish	May 3-7	Council/Webinar	Tsou (Chair) Caltabellotta	2 CIE	Roberts Richter	DeVore Phillips
4	SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Review of Sablefish Update & and Data Moderate Assessments of Copper Rockfish, Quillback Rockfish, & Squarespot Rockfish	June 21-22?	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Marshall and Haltuch - Chairs)	NA	Mandrup & Roberts Richter	DeVore
5	SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees	June or July, TBD	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore Seeger
6	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 Lingcod	July 12-16	Council/Webinar	Field (Chair) White	2 CIE	Mattes Richter	DeVore Phillips
7	Groundfish STAR Panel 3 Vermilion & Sunset Rockfishes	July 26-30	Council/Webinar	Budrick (Chair) TBD	2 CIE	Mandrup Richter	DeVore Phillips

8	SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Review of Assessments and Prioritizing Mop-up Tasks	Aug. TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	GMT Richter	DeVore
9	7 th National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee	2021 or 2022?	NPFMC/Sitka, AK	4 TBD	NA	NA	DeVore
10	SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	September 8?	Council/Spokane, WA?	SSC Ecosystem & Salmon Subcommittee Members	CCIEA Team	EWG EAS	DeVore Dahl
11	Groundfish Mop-up STAR Panel, if needed	September 27-October 1	Council/TBD	TBD	2 CIE	GMT Richter	DeVore
12	Salmon Methodology Review	October TBD	Council/TBD	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlke
13	CSNA STAR Panel	Nov. 30 – Dec. 3	Council/TBD	Punt (Chair) & CPS Subcommittee Members TBD	2 CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin DeVore
14	Proposed Workshop for Conducting Nearshore ROV Surveys	TBD	Council/TBD	TBD	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
15	Post-mortem Review of the Groundfish Assessment Process	Fall/Winter 2021 After Assessment Cycle, TBD	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT Richter	DeVore