

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed future meetings and workload planning during their April 6-7, 2021 meeting. The SSC proposes one new half-day virtual meeting for the SSC salmon subcommittee prior to the June council meeting. This meeting would scope a proposed SSC-generated report (as suggested in [Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)) to summarize and clarify the role of the SSC in reviewing and endorsing forecasts and management models used in salmon management as described in the Fishery Management Plan.

The SSC notes the pre-assessment workshops for upcoming groundfish assessments were well attended and highlights workshop reports are or soon will be available on the Council website on the [groundfish stock assessment page](#). The full list of Committee of Independent Expert reviewers for the Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels were announced and dates were assigned for some upcoming subcommittee meetings. Please see the attached table for meeting details.

The Pacific Sablefish Transboundary Assessment Team (PSTAT) public workshop to solicit feedback on the ongoing range-wide sablefish management strategy evaluation (MSE) will be held Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 28. Registration, Agenda, and background materials for this workshop are available at: <https://www.pacificsablefishscience.org/2021-mse-workshop>. The registration deadline is 5 p.m. PDT, Friday April 16.

The SSC understands there is an intent to meet in person in September with an option for some to attend via a remote connection. The SSC reiterates the importance of having an option to meet via webinar given the uncertainties with the continuing pandemic.

**Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2021**

<b>Workshop/Meeting</b>	<b>Potential Dates</b>	<b>Sponsor/ Tentative Location</b>	<b>SSC Reps.</b>	<b>Additional Reviewers</b>	<b>AB Reps.</b>	<b>Council Staff</b>	
1	Sablefish MSE Workshop	April 27-28	Council/Webinar	Haltuch +	PSTAT	GMT GAP	DeVore
2	Groundfish STAR Panel 1 Dover Sole & Data-Moderate Assessment of Spiny Dogfish	May 3-7	Council/Webinar	Tsou (Chair) Caltabellotta	Cieri, Cadigan	Roberts Richter	DeVore Phillips
3	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 Phillips
4	SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees	May or June, TBD	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore Seeger
5	SSC Salmon Subcommittee (Tentative)	May or June, TBD	Council/Webinar	Salmon Subcommittee Members	NA	NA	DeVore Ehlke
6	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 Lingcod	July 12-16	Council/Webinar	Field (Chair) White	Cieri, Dichmont	Mattes Richter	Phillips DeVore
7	Groundfish STAR Panel 3 Vermilion & Sunset Rockfishes	July 26-30	Council/Webinar	Budrick (Chair)	Cieri, Medley, Hicks	Mandrup Richter	DeVore Phillips

8	SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Review of Assessments and Prioritizing Mop-up Tasks	Aug. 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	GMT Richter	DeVore
9	7 <sup>th</sup> National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee	3-5 days (TBD) Week of Aug. 9	NPFMC/Webinar	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/Webinar	TBD	Cieri	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