

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed workload planning and has the following updates to our September 2021 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC recommends continuing to convene the annual SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee meeting with the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) team to review additions to the IEA report in September and holding the annual Salmon Methodology Review in mid-October.

The SSC notes that the proposed salmon management schedule for 2022 ([Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1](#)) leaves very little time for the SSC to review the Salmon Technical Team's Pre-I report. It was suggested that a draft version of Pre-I might be provided to the SSC earlier than the final publication date to allow the SSC sufficient time to review forecasts and estimates informing status determinations for major stocks.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) will hold the "Post-mortem Review" of the groundfish assessment process in January of 2022 to discuss lessons learned from this assessment cycle and potential improvements for the future.

The SSC GFSC has three workshops and two methodology review topics planned for 2022 that they propose to address in two separate meetings, each with methodology review and workshop components. The SSC recommends a meeting in late 2022 to discuss the integration of remotely operated vehicle (ROV) survey data in assessments and to review Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed acoustic/ROV survey methodology for semi-pelagic rockfish, with the participation of a Center of Independent Experts scientist on acoustic abundance estimation methods. The other meeting to be held in Fall of 2022 would encompass review of the species distribution model in Template Model Builder along with the workshop on the treatment of indices for hook-and-line survey data and accounting for spatial closures in assessments. Pairing the methodology review with the related workshops will reduce the number of meetings and reports through consolidation and provides time for proponents to work on requests while other topics are discussed. The outcomes of the methodology review and workshop meetings will inform the groundfish stock assessment accepted practices but are unlikely to be held in time to inform revisions of the Terms of Reference for stock assessments for review by the Council in June 2022. In addition, a workshop is proposed for consideration of alternative harvest control rules for spiny dogfish to reflect its lower productivity and the finding from the most recent assessment that the spawning potential ratio 50 percent harvest rate may not be sustainable. Planning will be discussed further at a GFSC workshop planning meeting in January 2022 and the post-mortem review of the stock assessment process.

The SSC supports the idea of the Council engaging with the Climate Change Adaptation Tools for California Current Fisheries project presented by Dr. Piers Chapman under open comment ([Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#)). Members of the SSC Ecosystem

Subcommittee could attend meetings or workshops with the research team in order to support the development of their decision support tools at the request of the Council.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2021/22

Workshop/Meeting		Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	CSNA STAR Panel	Dec. 7-10	Council/Webinar	Punt (Chair), Satterthwaite, Garcia-Reyes, & Budrick	2 CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin DeVore
2	Post-mortem Review of the Groundfish Assessment Process	Jan. 2022, TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	Cieri	GMT Richter	DeVore
3	Proposed Workshop for Conducting Nearshore ROV Surveys and Using ROV Data in Stock Assessments	TBD	Council/TBD	TBD	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
4	Proposed Workshop to Develop Methods for Constructing Abundance Indices Based on Hook-and-line Surveys	TBD	Council/TBD	TBD	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
5	Proposed Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting to Explore Approaches to Deal with Large Closed Areas and Other Spatial Issues in Stock Assessments	TBD	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
6	Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	TBD	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore

7	7 th National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee	Aug. 15-17, 2022	NPFMC/ Sitka, AK	4 TBD	NA	NA	DeVore
8	Ecosystem Subcommittee/CCIEA Team Meeting	Sept. 2022 TBD	Council/TBD	Ecosystem Subcommittee Members	TBD	EWG EAS	DeVore Dahl
9	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. 2022 TBD	Council/TBD	Salmon Subcommittee Members	TBD	STT MEW	Ehlke

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