

PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS for the  
**Groundfish Assessment Methods Review**  
**Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**Scientific and Statistical Committee's Groundfish Subcommittee**  
**and Other 2021 Stock Assessment Review Process Participants**

Online Webinar

**January XX, 2021**

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Please note any discussion topics or areas of improvement for future stock assessment cycles intended to inform revisions to the Terms of Reference and Accepted Practices Documents for 2023 assessments under the related subject or add a new one to capture topics for discussion.

***Perspectives on the 2021 Stock Assessment Process***

1. Center of Independent Experts Matt Cieri
2. Groundfish Management Team Whitney Roberts, Lynn Mattes and Mel Mandrup
3. Groundfish Advisory Sub-Panel Gerry Richter
4. STAR Panel Chairs John Budrick, John Field, and Theresa Tsou
5. Stock Assessment Teams Jason Cope, Vlada Gertseva, Ian Taylor, Kelli Johnson, E.J. Dick, Melissa Monk, Brian Langseth and Chantel Wetzel
6. Council Staff John DeVore and Todd Phillips

***Recommendations for Improving the Stock Assessment Process***

1. Pre-Assessment Planning
  - a. Improving Timely Data Delivery to STATs
  - b. Discussion of Format, Process and Optimization of Pre-Assessment Data Workshops
  - c. Discussion of Roles of Stock Assessment Coordinators
  - d. Discuss Collaboration and Planning Between Science Centers
2. Stock Assessment Reviews
  - a. How to Respond to Recommendations from Pre-Assessment Data Workshops?

***Recommendations for the Stock Assessment Terms of Reference***

1. Recommended Changes to Required Elements in Benchmark and Update Assessments
2. Other Recommended Changes?  
(8:45 a.m., 1.5 hours)

***Recommendations for the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments***

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***Other Business?***