

E.8 Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference

Council Action:

Adopt for Public Review:

1. A Preliminary List and Schedule of Stocks for Assessment in 2023 and 2025,
2. A Draft Terms of Reference for Groundfish Stock Assessments,
3. A Draft Terms of Reference for Methodology Reviews, and
4. A Draft Terms of Reference for Rebuilding Analyses.

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I move that the Council adopt the following documents for public review:

1. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Process for 2023-2024 (Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 4), while following the recommendation of the CPSMT and SSC for creating and adopting separate ToRs for the two FMPs.
2. Draft Terms of Reference for Methodology Reviews, and
3. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis for 2023-2024 (Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 5)

Moved by Corey Niles

Second by Phil Anderson

Motion passed unanimously.

I move that the Council:

A. Adopt the following preliminary list of stock assessments for public review.

1. 2023 Full Assessments

- black rockfish
- petrale sole
- copper rockfish
- quillback rockfish
- yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish

2. 2023 Data Moderate Assessments

- longspine thornyhead
- shortspine thornyhead
- english sole
- rex sole

3. 2023 Catch Only Updates

- cowcod
- spiny dogfish
- yelloweye rockfish

4. 2025 Full Assessments

- sablefish
- yelloweye rockfish
- spiny dogfish
- yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish (if not 2023)

B. Request information and discussion from the Science Centers, SSC, and GMT on:

1. How the 2023 assessments will proceed in line with discussions on stock definitions.

2. How stocks of the same species may be assessed according to conservation need (i.e. do all areas need to be assessed at once?).
3. A presumption that the nearshore stocks and shelf stocks should be assessed at as fine-scale as the data allows; or how when areas are combined, how regional differences in status/depletion could be evaluated.
4. The feasibility of a research assessment for shortbelly rockfish in 2023, 2025, or even off cycle.

Moved by Corey Niles

Second by Maggie Sommer Motion passed unanimously.

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