

F.3 Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference – Final Action

Council Action:

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

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

I move the final recommendations of species to be assessed in 2023, and preliminary recommendations for species to be assessed in 2025, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2 (respectively) of Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, June 2022, including the recommended assessment type (full, data-moderate, or catch-only update), and the recommended assessment areas. For the 2023 copper rockfish line item in Table 1, include a possibility of conducting a data-moderate assessment for this stock off Oregon and Washington, if needed to maintain a full suite of alternatives on the matter of the copper rockfish stock definition. The Council shall consider information and analysis on this topic in September, in order to inform a final Council recommendation on copper rockfish stock assessments and areas, and in the event such assessments are added to the list, an item or items would need to be removed from the 2023 stock assessment list, as directed by the Council at that time.

Additionally, adopt three Terms of Reference Documents to guide the stock assessment process as described in the Situation Summary: 1) adopt the Methodology Review Terms of Reference (TOR) and 2) the TOR that guides the development of rebuilding analyses used to develop harvest specifications and rebuilding plans for overfished and rebuilding species; and 3) adopt the Draft TOR for the Groundfish Stock Assessment Process for 2023-2024 as final (Agenda item F.3., Supplemental Revised Attachment 6).

Moved by Marci Yaremko; Second by Butch Smith

Motion passed unanimously.