

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 June 2022 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC recommends holding its November meeting in-person November 2-3, 2022.

The SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee meeting with the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) team to review additions to the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) report will be held as a webinar on September 16. The SSC Salmon Subcommittee, the Salmon Technical Team (STT), the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG), and the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) were invited to participate.

The Salmon Methodology Review will be held as a webinar October 12-13, 2022 with participation by the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, the STT, and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW).

The SSC recommends a Pacific Sardine stock structure workshop November 15-17, 2022. The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee would participate in this workshop along with Science Center assessment and survey staff and the CPS Management Team and Advisory Subpanel (CPSMT and CPSAS). Whether this meeting will be held in person or as a webinar has yet to be determined.

A Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council)-sponsored methodology review with the goal of improving estimates of the abundance of the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific Sardine is proposed for Winter of 2023 with participation from the CPS Subcommittee along with Science Center assessment and survey staff and the CPSMT and CPSAS. The meeting may be held in person or as webinar.

The Western Groundfish Conference will be held April 23-29, 2023 in Juneau, Alaska. Several SSC members are likely to attend.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee is planning several meetings and workshops over the next several months.

- The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee will review the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed acoustic/visual survey methodology for semi-pelagic rockfish in a webinar to be held September 27-30, 2022 with the participation of a Center of Independent Experts scientist with expertise on acoustic abundance estimation methods. A review of Washington's hook-and-line surveys will also occur at this meeting. The review will focus on survey designs and future application in stock assessments.
- The SSC proposes a Groundfish Subcommittee meeting to explore approaches to model large closed areas, catch estimation, and other regulation changes in stock assessments to be held as a webinar in December 2022 or January 2023 with participation from Science Center

assessment staff and the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP).

- The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee recommends scheduling a workshop on using ROV data in stock assessments as a webinar in January 2023 with an exact date to be determined with participation from Science Center Assessment Staff.
- The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee had previously proposed a workshop to discuss alternative harvest control rules for spiny dogfish but recommends postponing that workshop until 2024 due to lack of data and capacity to make progress on this topic prior to the 2023 stock assessment cycle.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2022 and Beyond

Workshop/Meeting		Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Ecosystem Subcommittee/CCIEA Team Meeting	Sept 16, 2022	Council/Webinar	Ecosystem and Salmon Subcommittee Members	CCIEA Team	EWG EAS STT SAS	DeVore Dahl Ehlke
2	Methodology Review for the ODFW Acoustic/Visual Survey, Proposed Workshop to Develop Methods for Constructing Abundance Indices Based on WA Hook-and-line Surveys	Sept 27-30, 2022	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Budrick & Hamel - co-chairs)	CIE (Rose), Science Center Assessment Staff	GMT GAP	DeVore
3	Salmon Methodology Review	Oct 12-13, 2022	Council/Webinar	Salmon Subcommittee Members	None	STT MEW	Ehlke
4	Pacific Sardine Stock Structure Workshop	Nov 15-17, 2022	SWFSC/TBD	CPS Subcommittee Members	Science Center Assessment/ Survey Staff	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus

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5 Proposed Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting to Explore Approaches to Deal with Large Closed Areas, Catch Estimation, and Other Regulation Changes in Stock Assessments/Catch Estimation Meeting	Dec 2022 or Jan 2023 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Budrick & Field - co-chairs)	Science Center Assessment Staff	GMT GAP	TBD
6 ROV Survey and Workshop for Using ROV Data in Stock Assessments	Jan 2023 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members (chair TBD)	Science Center Assessment Staff	GMT GAP	TBD
7 Western Groundfish Conference	Apr 23-29, 2023	AFSC/Juneau	NA	NA	NA	NA
8 Methodology Review on Abundance and Catch Estimation of the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific Sardine	Winter 2023	Council/TBD	CPS Subcommittee Members (Punt - chair)	Science Center Assessment/Survey Staff	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus
9 Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	2024 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	TBD