

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 its September 2022 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC recommends holding its March meeting in-person March 4-5, 2023. We tentatively recommend holding the April and June SSC meetings as webinars and the September meeting as an in-person meeting.

Several members of the SSC Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee (SSC-CPS) will participate in the Pacific Sardine stock structure workshop organized by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center to be held in La Jolla November 15-17, 2022. This will be a hybrid meeting. Dr. André Punt will attend in-person while other SSC-CPS Subcommittee members will attend remotely.

The SSC recommends holding a Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) Meeting to Resolve Accepted Practices for Groundfish Stock Assessments on December 12, 2022 as a webinar with participation by the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee and Science Center assessment staff.

The SSC recommends delaying the remaining groundfish-related workshops to the next biennium as 2023 stock assessment-related duties now supersede workshop efforts that can be revisited in Spring of 2024. The workshops on accounting for large spatial closures in assessments and application of remotely-operated vehicle data in stock assessments would benefit from further development, as other efforts have taken precedence. Efforts will be made to document-related methods applied in previous assessments in the accepted practices document at the GFSC meeting on December 12. The topics related to the catch estimation workshop will be addressed in the course of the pre-assessment workshop.

A 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 (tentatively February 21-23) with participation from the CPS Subcommittee along with Science Center assessment and survey staff and the CPS Management Team (CPSMT) and CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS). The meeting may be held in person or as a webinar.

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

The Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel will be held in May 2023 in La Jolla with Dr. André Punt as chair and with participation from SSC, CPS Subcommittee Members, the CPSMT, CPSAS, and a Center of Independent Experts (CIE) participant to be determined.

The SSC recommends holding a methodology review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model in Spring 2023 as a webinar to be chaired by Dr. Cameron Speir with participation by SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee members as well as the GMT and GAP.

The SSC will participate in the three STAR panels for groundfish assessments in June and July of 2023 with participation from the SSC, GMT, and GAP.

- Groundfish STAR Panel 1 for copper rockfish in CA, shortspine thornyheads, and rex sole will be held June 5-9, 2023 in Seattle with Dr. Jason Schaffler as chair.
- Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish will be held July 10-14, 2023 in Santa Cruz with Dr. John Budrick as chair.
- Groundfish STAR Panel 3 for petrale sole and canary rockfish will be held July 24-28, 2023 in Seattle with Dr. John Field as chair.

The SSC recommends holding an SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting to prepare Spex Recommendations in August 2023 with a location to be determined if an in-person meeting is preferred.

The SSC recommends holding the SSC Ecosystem-based Management Subcommittee Meeting in September of 2023 with the CCIEA team. The EWG and EAS are also invited to this meeting. The date and location are yet to be determined.

The SSC will participate in the Groundfish Mop-up Panel, if needed, September 25-29, 2023 at a place to be determined.

The SSC recommends holding a Salmon Methodology Review in October 2023 with participation from the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) at a time and place to be determined.

The SSC recommends participation of the next Sablefish MSE Workshop in 2024 at a time and place to be determined with participation from the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee, the GMT, and the GAP.

The SSC proposes holding a Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish in 2024 at a time and place to be determined.

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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	Pacific Sardine Stock Structure Workshop	Nov 15-17, 2022	SWFSC/La Jolla	CPS Subcommittee Members	Science Center Assessment/ Survey Staff	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus
2	Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting to Resolve Accepted Practices for Groundfish Stock Assessments	Dec 12, 2022	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	Science Center Assessment Staff	GMT GAP	Bellman
3	Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel	May, 2023	Council/La Jolla	CPS Subcommittee Members (Punt - chair?)	CIE (TBD)	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus
4	Methodology Review on Abundance and Catch Estimation of the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific Sardine	Feb 21-23, 2023 (tentative)	Council/TBD	CPS Subcommittee Members (Punt - chair)	Science Center Assessment/ Survey Staff	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus
5	Methodology Review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model	Spring 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Speir -chair)	NA	GMT GAP	Bellman
6	Groundfish STAR Panel 1 for copper rockfish in CA, shortspine thornyheads, and rex sole	June 5-9, 2023	Council/Seattle	Schaffler - chair	CIE (TBD)	GMT GAP	Bellman
7	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish	July 10-14, 2023	Council/Santa Cruz	Budrick - chair	CIE (TBD)	GMT GAP	Bellman

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9	Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting to Prepare Spex Recommendations	August 2023	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
10	SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Meeting	Sept 2023 TBD	Council/TBD	Ecosystem Subcommittee	TBD	EWG EAS	Bellman Dahl
11	Groundfish Mop-up Panel, if needed	Sept 25-29, 2023	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
12	Salmon Methodology Review	October 2023 TBD	Council/TBD	Salmon Subcommittee Members	TBD	STT MEW	Ehlke Bellman
13	Sablefish MSE Workshop	2024 TBD	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
14	Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	2024 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman