

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FINAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessment in 2023 and 2024 that were developed by the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee and revised during a meeting on December 12, 2022. In contrast to the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Process for 2023-2024, which is more prescriptive, the Accepted Practices document provides guidelines and advice for conducting and reviewing assessments. In particular, it describes methods and approaches, sometimes more than one for the same process or parameter, that have been reviewed and are considered good practice. While alternative approaches can be used by assessment authors, those supported in the Accepted Practices generally require less justification.

The SSC does not suggest any substantive changes to the version in the Briefing Book, though a few minor edits were made. The SSC endorses the revised version of the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessment in 2023 and 2024, which will be available on the [PFMC groundfish stock assessment documents webpage](#).

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