

**GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
 AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING**

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the draft Year-At-A-Glance ([YAG; Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 1, March 2023](#)) and the draft April agenda ([Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 2, March 2023](#)) contained in the advanced briefing book, as well as the status of ongoing projects, and offers the following for consideration by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council).

In the past, the GMT has provided a GMT YAG that is specific to groundfish items and informed by our own workload and expectations as a team. Given that the timing of Gear Switching Preliminary Preferred Alternative/Final Preferred Alternative affects workload and timing associated with the Trawl Catch Shares and Inter-Sector Allocation Review, and the expectation that newly prioritized items under F.8 at this meeting will need to be agendized for future meetings, the GMT will provide an updated GMT YAG at a later meeting when we have a clearer understanding of our future workload.

The GMT expects to review the methodology for differentiating commercial catch in Federal waters from state waters noted in [Agenda Item F.8.a, NMFS Report 1, March 2023](#) between now and September. The GMT requests confirmation that the intent is for this review to be provided to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) directly prior to the September Council meeting and not in a statement to the Council.

Additional Meetings

Members of the GMT will also be participating in a number of ancillary meetings and work sessions outside of Council meetings over the next several months, both as members of the GMT and as part of their other duties. A non-comprehensive list is found in Table 1.

Table 1. Non-comprehensive meetings and workshops the GMT expects to participate in outside of Council meetings for 2023, along with expected GMT responsibilities.

Host	Meeting Purpose	Date(s)	Location	GMT Responsibilities
SSC	Pre-assessment data workshop for shortspine thornyhead, rex sole, and Petrale sole	March 20, 2023	Virtual	Participate and provide information, data, and/or analysis, as needed
	Groundfish STAR Panel 1 for copper rockfish off California, shortspine thornyhead, and rex sole	June 5-9, 2023	In person; Seattle, WA	Coordinate with assessment author on fleet structure and management blocks and provide removal assumptions
	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish	July 10-14, 2023	In person; Santa Cruz, CA	
	Groundfish STAR Panel 3 for petrale sole and canary rockfish	July 24-28, 2023	In person; Seattle, WA	

	Groundfish Subcommittee meetings to prepare harvest specifications recommendations	August 14-15 and 28, 2023	TBD	Participate and advise on groundfish management/regulations, as needed
	Groundfish mop-up panel	September 25-29	TBD	
PFMC	GMT Pre-April Council meeting webinar	March 27, 2023	Virtual	Prepare for the April Council meeting
PFMC	Non-salmon Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Meeting	April 12-13, 2023	Hybrid; Seattle, WA	Participate and advise on groundfish management/regulations, as needed
SSC	Sablefish trip limit model methodology review workshop between the GMT and the Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)	May 9, 2023	Virtual	GMT lead will present model updates and ongoing work to the SSC to garner feedback ahead of the September Council meeting
EWG	Ecosystem Workgroup Meeting for Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 4 Pilot Species (Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 2, March 2023)	May 15 and 17, 2023 (Proposed dates)	Virtual	GMT has been asked to review the Petrale sole risk table
PSMFC ^{a/}	PacFIN/Groundfish Workgroup Meeting	April or May 2023	Virtual	Coordinate on data and other commercial groundfish PacFIN needs
PSMFC ^{a/}	RecFIN Spring Technical Committee Meeting	April 18-19, 2023	Portland	Coordinate on data and other recreational groundfish RecFIN needs
IPHC ^{b/}	Interim/Annual Meeting	2023/2024 (TBD)	TBD	Participate as part of other job duties
SSC	Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation workshop	2024 (TBD)	TBD	Participate and provide information, data, and/or analysis, as needed
SSC	Proposed workshop to develop alternative harvest control rules for Pacific spiny dogfish	2024 (TBD)	TBD	Participate and provide information, data, and/or analysis, as needed

^{a/} Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

^{b/} International Pacific Halibut Commission

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