

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 November 2022 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC is scheduled to hold its April meeting as a remote meeting. The SSC recommends also holding its June meeting as a remote meeting and its September meeting in-person. The April SSC meeting is scheduled over a weekend. SSC has a strong preference for not scheduling meetings on weekends in the future when possible.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee will hold a Pre-Assessment Workshop for 2023 groundfish stock assessments of shortspine thornyhead, rex sole, and petrale sole to be held as a webinar March 20, 2023 and chaired by Drs. John Field and Jason Schaffler with participation from the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP).

The SSC Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee will meet remotely on March 20-21, 2023 to review revisions to the habitat model for the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine and methods for analyzing and using the 2022 CPS survey.

The Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel will be held April 11-13th, 2023 at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, California with Dr. André Punt as chair and with participation from SSC CPS Subcommittee Members Drs. Theresa Tsou and Chris Free, the CPS Management Team (CPSMT), CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS), and a Center of Independent Experts (CIE) participant to be determined. The STAR Panel is planned as an in-person review meeting, with web broadcast to allow for remote public comment.

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

The SSC recommends holding a methodology review on May 9, 2023 to review the Sablefish Trip Limit Model. This would be a webinar with Dr. Cameron Speir as chair and with participation by SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee members, the GMT, and the 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, GAP and CIE participants yet to be determined. The SSC proposes STAR panels be in-person review meetings, with web broadcast to allow for remote public comment.

- Groundfish STAR Panel 1 for copper rockfish in California, shortspine thornyhead, 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 as webinars. The SSC recommends splitting this into two meetings with the first held on August 14-15, 2023 to address the first two STAR panels, as well as catch-only projections, and the second on August 28, 2023 to address the third and any outstanding items, both with participation from Groundfish Subcommittee members, the GMT, and the GAP.

The SSC concurs with the CCIEA team and does not recommend holding an SSC Ecosystem-based Management Subcommittee Meeting in September of 2023 with the CCIEA team. However, the SSC Ecosystem-based Management Subcommittee may want to schedule a meeting with the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) and the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) to review the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) initiative. The need for and timing of that meeting is 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 with participation from Groundfish Subcommittee members, the GMT, and the GAP.

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 in the next Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation (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 Pacific Spiny Dogfish in 2024 at a time and place to be determined.

**Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2023 and Beyond**

| <b>Workshop/Meeting</b>   | <b>Potential Dates</b> | <b>Sponsor/ Tentative Location</b>                  | <b>SSC Reps.</b>  | <b>Additional Reviewers</b>             | <b>AB Reps.</b> | <b>Council Staff</b> |
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| <b>1</b> CPS Subcommittee Review of Abundance and Catch Estimation of the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific Sardine | Mar 20-21, 2023        | Council/Webinar                                     | CPS Subcommittee Members (Punt - chair)                       | Science Center Assessment/ Survey Staff | CPSMT CPSAS     | Doerpinghaus         |
| <b>2</b> Groundfish Pre-assessment Workshop for shortspine thornyhead, rex sole, and petrale sole                   | March 20, 2023         | Council/Webinar                                     | GFSC (Field/Schaffler - chairs)                               | NA                                      | GMT GAP         | Bellman              |
| <b>3</b> Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel  | April 11-13, 2023      | SWFSC/ La Jolla, CA/ in-person with web broadcast   | Punt - chair<br>Tsou<br>Free                                  | CIE (TBD)                               | CPSMT CPSAS     | Doerpinghaus         |
| <b>4</b> Methodology Review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model   | May 9                  | Council/Webinar                                     | Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Speir - chair) | NA                                      | GMT GAP         | Bellman              |
| <b>5</b> Groundfish STAR Panel 1 for copper rockfish in CA, shortspine thornyheads, and rex sole                    | June 5-9, 2023         | NWFSC/ Seattle, WA/ in-person with web broadcast    | Schaffler - chair   | CIE (TBD)<br>Hicks                      | GMT GAP         | Bellman              |
| <b>6</b> Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish   | July 10-14, 2023       | SWFSC/ Santa Cruz, CA/ in-person with web broadcast | Budrick - chair   | CIE (TBD)<br>Dorn                       | GMT GAP         | Bellman              |

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| 7                       | Groundfish STAR Panel 3 for petrale sole and canary rockfish                     | July 24-28, 2023          | NWFSC/<br>Seattle, WA/<br>in-person with web broadcast | Field - chair<br>Marshall       | CIE (TBD)                   | GMT<br>GAP      | Bellman              |
| 8                       | Groundfish Subcommittee Meetings to Prepare Spex Recommendations                 | August 14-15 and 28, 2023 | Council/Webinar  | Groundfish Subcommittee Members | TBD                         | GMT<br>GAP      | Bellman              |
| 9                       | Ecosystem Subcommittee Meeting to review FEP initiative product                  | September 2023<br>TBD     | Council/Webinar  | Ecosystem Subcommittee Members  | NA                          | EWG<br>EAS      | Bellman              |
| 10                      | Groundfish Mop-up Panel, if needed   | Sept 25-29, 2023          | Council/TBD  | Groundfish Subcommittee Members | TBD                         | GMT<br>GAP      | Bellman              |
| 11                      | Salmon Methodology Review  | October 2023<br>TBD       | Council/TBD  | Salmon Subcommittee Members     | TBD                         | STT<br>MEW      | Ehlke<br>Bellman     |
| 12                      | Sablefish MSE Workshop   | 2024 TBD                  | TBD  | Groundfish Subcommittee Members | TBD                         | GMT<br>GAP      | Bellman              |
| 13                      | Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish | 2024 TBD                  | Council/Webinar  | Groundfish Subcommittee Members | TBD                         | GMT<br>GAP      | Bellman              |