

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 March 2023 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC recommends holding its June, September, and November meetings in-person.

The Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment Review Panel (STAR Panel) will be held April 11-13, 2023 at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, California with Dr. André Punt as chair and with participation from SSC Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee Members Drs. Theresa Tsou and Chris Free, the CPS Management Team (CPSMT), CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS), and Dr. Joseph Powers from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). 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 24-28, 2023 in Juneau, Alaska. Several SSC members are likely to attend.

The SSC recommends holding a groundfish methodology review as a webinar on May 9, 2023 to review the Sablefish Trip Limit Model. Dr. Cameron Speir will chair the meeting with participation by SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee members, and representatives from the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP).

The SSC Economics subcommittee recommends holding a meeting to review the Comparative Cost Study for the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program on May 11, 2023 as a webinar. Dr. Cameron Speir will chair the meeting with participation by SSC Economics Subcommittee members and the Council's consultant Darrell Brannan.

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, WA with Dr. Jason Schaffler as chair.
- Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish will be held July 10-14, 2023 in Santa Cruz, CA 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, WA with Dr. John Field as chair.

The SSC recommends holding SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meetings to prepare Spex Recommendations in August 2023 as webinars. The SSC recommends 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 28-29, 2023 to address the third STAR panel and any outstanding items including the potential sablefish assessment update, both with participation from Groundfish Subcommittee members and representatives from the GMT and the GAP.

The SSC Ecosystem-based Management Subcommittee recommends scheduling a meeting with the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) and the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) to review the new Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) initiative as a webinar in August or September of 2023.

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 CPS Subcommittee recommends holding a meeting in Fall of 2023 to review accepted practices guidelines for CPS stock assessments with participation from the CPSMT and the CPSAS.

The Council Coordination Committee's (CCC) Scientific Coordination Subcommittee meeting (SCS8) will be hosted by the New England Fishery Management Council and will be held in the summer of 2024 with a date and location yet to be determined. At least two members of the PFMC SSC are expected to attend.

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 and possibly the SSC Economics Subcommittee.

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.

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Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2023 and Beyond

Workshop/Meeting		Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel	April 11-13, 2023	SWFSC/ La Jolla, CA/ in-person with web broadcast	Punt - chair Tsou Free	CIE-Powers	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus
2	Methodology Review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model	May 9, 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittee Members (Speir - chair)	NA	GMT GAP	Bellman
3	Review of Trawl Catch Share Cost Project Report	May 11, 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics Subcommittee Members (Speir - chair)	NA		Bellman
4	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) Hicks	GMT GAP	Bellman
	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish	July 10-14, 2023	SWFSC/ Santa Cruz, CA/ in-person with web broadcast	Budrick - chair	CIE (TBD) Dorn	GMT GAP	Bellman
	Groundfish STAR Panel 3 for petrale sole and canary rockfish	July 24-28, 2023	NWFSC/ Seattle, WA/ in-person with web broadcast	Field - chair Marshall	CIE (TBD)	GMT GAP	Bellman
	Groundfish Subcommittee Meetings to Prepare Spex Recommendations	August 14-15 and 28-29, 2023	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman

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	Ecosystem Subcommittee Meeting to review FEP initiative product	Aug/Sept 2023 TBD	Council/Webinar	Ecosystem Subcommittee Members	NA	EWG EAS	Bellman
	Groundfish Mop-up Panel, if needed	Sept 25-29, 2023	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
	Salmon Methodology Review	October 2023	Council/TBD	Salmon Subcommittee Members	TBD	STT MEW	Ehlke Bellman
	CPS Subcommittee Meeting to develop Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments	Fall 2023	Council/TBD	CPS Subcommittee Members	NA	CPSMT	Bellman Doerpinghaus
	CCC Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Meeting (SCS8)	Summer 2024	NEFMC/TBD	SSC members TBD	NA	NA	Bellman
	Sablefish MSE Workshop	2024 TBD	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
	Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	2024 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman