

Meeting guidance for attending the STAR Panel reviewing assessments for copper rockfish, rex sole, and shortspine thornyhead

Location

The meeting will be held at Montlake campus of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), located at 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112. Although the site's official address is on Montlake Blvd E., the main entrance to the facility is accessed at 1853 E. Hamlin Street, as indicated in the accompanying map.

To reach the campus from the north (along 25th Ave NE and Montlake Blvd NE), after crossing the Montlake Bridge, move to the far-right lane and turn right at the 2nd light, which is Hamlin Street. To reach the campus from State Route 520, traveling east from I-5, take the Montlake Blvd. exit (which is the last before SR 520 crosses Lake Washington), and turn left/north from the far-left lane. After passing through an intersection where traffic joins Montlake Blvd from westbound 520, get into the far-left lane and turn left onto Hamlin Street at the next light. Once on Hamlin Street, follow parking instructions below.

Campus Access and Security

Security procedures at the Montlake campus have changed considerably since an in-person STAR Panel meeting was last held on site. One major change is that the campus is now secured by access gates that are normally locked 24/7 (see below for one exception during the course of this meeting). Also new is a requirement that all visitors, even if only attending a meeting in the secure auditorium space, will need to obtain and wear a visitor badge throughout their time on campus. Upon entering the campus for the first time that week, all persons who are not NWFSC employees will need to obtain a visitor's badge from the Visitor Center (X on the map) that will be good for the entire week of meetings.

To expedite the badging process, those planning to attend the meeting in-person should provide their name, email, phone, and affiliation to Marlene A. Bellman (marlene.bellman@noaa.gov) or Jim Hastie (jim.hastie@noaa.gov) as early as possible. It would also be useful to know in advance if individuals planning to attend in-person are foreign national visitors. An initial set of RSVP information will be provided to NWFSC security on Wednesday May 31st, with the last opportunity for advanced creation of badges submitted at noon on Friday June 2nd.

NWFSC security has requested that Center staff collect badges when visitors leave the site each day (if not intending to return the same day). When arriving the following day, badges will be returned to visitors for the day by Center staff in the Auditorium area. There will not be a need to return to the Visitor Center.

Parking Instructions

Visitors may park vehicles in two areas.

The first option, that will allow for easier movement into and out of the facility, is in the adjoining parking lot for the Seattle Yacht Club, in the yellow-highlighted area on the map, surrounding the circle (**A**), which includes parking spaces in the first two rows that are located closest to the NWFSC campus' west boundary. From there, visitors should enter through the pedestrian gate, circle (**B**), which will remain unlocked from 7:45 am to 6:15 pm, and follow the sidewalk to the west entrance of the West Building. The outer door to that building will be unlocked, and the Visitor Center is directly to the right once inside the building.

The second option will be to park on the Montlake campus. To do so, turn left from Hamlin Street onto 19th Ave E., where you will see the main gate directly ahead of you. On the left side of the street immediately in front of the gate, there is a card reader and intercom (**Y** on the map). Pressing the button will connect you to the Visitor Center, and they will open the gate so you may enter. On passing through the gate, turn right. There are a few visitor's parking spaces in the lot directly ahead, at location circle (**C**), or you may turn left at the corner of the West Building, and park in any open spaces in the main parking area, circle (**D**).

If you are arriving on foot, please call 206-860-3260 when you reach the main gate, and someone in the Visitor Center will open the pedestrian gate at that location for you. As with the first parking option, if you are arriving for the first time, proceed to the Visitor Center to receive a badge. *If you park in the main lot, you will need to have a NWFSC staffer or the security guard, who is located just inside the main gate, open the gate for you to exit the property.*

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Once you receive a badge upon first arrival, or in subsequent visits, proceed to the central building, **Z**, which houses the Auditorium on the first floor. Outside doors for entering the auditorium will be unlocked 7:45 am - 6:15 pm, Monday-Thursday, and 7:45 am - 5:15 pm, on Friday.

At minimum, coffee, tea, and some light snacks will be provided and paid for through contributions from those attending the meeting. There are limited venues nearby at which any food or beverages can be purchased. For those who have been to meetings at Montlake previously, please note the Montlake Market no longer exists. The closest remaining lunch option is Burbs Burgers food truck, located near the old Montlake Market location, on the far side of SR 520. Depending on attendee interest, we may arrange for box lunches on some days (except Monday) if feasible to collect cash and submit orders early enough for a lunch delivery window. Please plan accordingly.



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To attend the meeting via webinar

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Technical information

For technical assistance, you may send an email to [Kris Kleinschmidt](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or call/text 503-820-2412; or email [Sandra Mondal](mailto:sandra.mondal@noaa.gov) or call/text 503-820-2419.

Please note, the webinar component of this meeting is being conducted remotely with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. In the event an outage occurs or technical issues arise that impact the experience of remote attendees, we will attempt to resolve them but ultimately we cannot guarantee that they will be resolved satisfactorily.

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