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 April 2023 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC recommends holding its September meeting in person.

The SSC will participate in the two remaining Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panels for groundfish assessments in July of 2023 with participation from the SSC, Groundfish Management Team (GMT), and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The SSC plans to hold STAR panels as in-person meetings, with web broadcast to allow for remote public comment.

- Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish will be held July 10-14, 2023 in Santa Cruz, CA with Dr. John Budrick as chair and Drs. Joseph Powers and Yong Chen as CIE reviewers and Dr. Martin Dorn as an additional reviewer.
- 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 and Drs. Joseph Powers and Martin Cryer as additional CIE reviewers as well as Dr. Kristin Marshall of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC).

The SSC recommends holding SSC GFSC meetings to prepare harvest specification 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, the sablefish assessment update and any outstanding items informing the harvest specification deliberations at the September Council meeting, 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 proposed risk table approach and two pilot risk tables being developed under the new Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) initiative as a webinar in September or October 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 on October 11-12, 2023 with participation from the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW). The meeting will be in-person but the time and place is yet to be determined but proposals include either Portland, OR or Sacramento, CA.

The SSC Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee recommends holding a meeting in Fall of 2023 to review accepted practices guidelines for CPS stock assessments with participation from the CPS Management Team (CPSMT) and the CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS).

The SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees recommend holding a Groundfish Methodology Review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model in September or October of 2023 as a webinar with participation from the GMT.

The SSC will participate in a STAR panel for the Pacific sardine stock assessment in March of 2024 to be held in La Jolla, California and chaired by Dr. Andre Punt with participation from the CPSMT and 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 during the week of August 26, 2024 in Portland, Maine. 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.

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	Groundfish STAR Panel 2 for black rockfish	July 10-14, 2023	SWFSC/ Santa Cruz, CA/ in-person with web broadcast	Budrick - chair	CIE (Joseph Powers, Yong Chen) Martin Dorn	GMT GAP	Bellman
2	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 (Joseph Powers, Martin Cryer)	GMT GAP	Bellman
3	Groundfish Subcommittee Meetings to Prepare harvest specification recommendations	August 14-15 and 28-29, 2023	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
4	Ecosystem Subcommittee Meeting with Groundfish Subcommittee to review FEP initiative product	Sept/Oct 2023	Council/Webinar	Ecosystem and Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	EWG EAS	Bellman
5	Groundfish Mop-up Panel, if needed	Sept 25-29, 2023	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
6	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees Sablefish Trip Limit Model Methodology Review	Sept/Oct 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees	NA	GMT	Bellman
7	Salmon Methodology Review	October 11-12, 2023	Council/TBD (Portland, OR or Sacramento, CA)	Salmon Subcommittee Members	NA	STT MEW	Ehlke Bellman

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8	CPS Subcommittee Meeting to develop Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments	Fall 2023	Council/Webinar	CPS Subcommittee Members	NA	CPSMT	Bellman Doerpinghaus
9	CPS STAR Panel for Pacific Sardine	March 2024	Council/La Jolla, CA	Punt - chair TBD	CIE TBD	CPSMT CPSAS	Bellman Doerpinghaus
10	CCC Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Meeting (SCS8)	August 26-29, 2024	NEFMC/ Portland, ME	SSC members TBD	NA	NA	Bellman
11	Sablefish MSE Workshop	2024 TBD	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
12	Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	2024 TBD	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman

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