

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 June 2023 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC anticipates conducting its November 2023 and March 2024 meetings in person and the April 2024 meeting remotely. The SSC requests that if the April 2024 SSC meeting is remote, as currently suggested by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council, PFMC), the SSC meet Thursday and Friday (April 4 and 5) to accommodate those members who also participate in the Salmon North of Falcon process, as well as those members who have limited access to workspace on the weekends.

The SSC Ecosystem-based Management and Groundfish Subcommittees will hold a meeting with participation from 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 the afternoon of September 21, 2023.

The SSC Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee will hold a meeting as a webinar September 22, 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 will participate in the Groundfish Mop-up Panel during the week of September 25-29, 2023 with participation from the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT), and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The SSC recommends holding this as a webinar and expects only one day should be needed.

The SSC will hold a Salmon Methodology Review on October 11-12, 2023 as a webinar with participation from the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW).

The SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees recommend holding a follow-up Groundfish Methodology Review of the Sablefish Trip Limit Model on October 12, 2023 in the afternoon as a webinar. This webinar would address comments of the SSC Subcommittees from the prior review meeting held May 9, 2023. Recommendations will be reported to the full SSC at the November 2023 meeting, for any final endorsement recommendations to the Council, prior to the model being used for harvest specification analysis.

The SSC Economics Subcommittee recommends holding a webinar October 24, 2023 in the afternoon to review the Sablefish Gear Switching Economic Analysis, anticipated on the November 2023 Council Agenda.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee proposes holding a stock assessment process review meeting during the week of January 15-19, 2024, as a one-day webinar. Participants in the 2023 assessment process should be included.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee proposes holding a two-day meeting to review revisions to the Terms of Reference and Accepted Practices Documents for the next stock assessment cycle (2025-2026) as a webinar to be held during the week of February 5-9, 2024.

Members of the SSC will conduct a stock assessment review (STAR) panel for the Pacific sardine stock assessment from February 20-22, 2024 to be held in La Jolla, California and chaired by Dr. Andre Punt with participation from the SSC, 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 Boston, MA. At least two members of the PFMC SSC are expected to attend.

The SSC proposes holding a Groundfish Methodology Review in June of 2024 to consider the use of Fourier Transformed Near-Infrared Spectrophotometry (FT-NIRS) method for estimating groundfish ages to be utilized in future stock assessments.

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	Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee Meeting with Groundfish Subcommittee to review FEP initiative products	September 21, 2023	Council/Webinar	Ecosystem and Groundfish Subcommittee Members	NA	EWG EAS	Bellman
2	CPS Subcommittee Meeting to develop Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments	September 22, 2023	Council/Webinar	CPS Subcommittee Members	NA	CPSMT	Bellman Doerpinghaus
3	Groundfish Mop-up Panel	(1 Day TBD) Sept 26-29, 2023	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
4	Salmon Methodology Review	October 11-12, 2023	Council/Webinar	Salmon Subcommittee Members	NA	STT MEW	Bellman Ehlke
5	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees Sablefish Trip Limit Model Methodology Review	October 12 (pm), 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees	NA	GMT	Bellman
6	Economics Subcommittee Sablefish Gear Switching Economic Analysis Review	October 24 (pm), 2023	Council/Webinar	Economics Subcommittee Members	NA	NA	Bellman Seger
7	Groundfish Stock Assessment Process Review	(1 Day TBD) January 15-19, 2024	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members/STAT	CIE Continuity	GMT GAP Advisors	Bellman

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8	Groundfish Review of Revisions to the Terms of Reference and Accepted Practices Documents (2025-2026)	(2 Day TBD) February 5-9, 2024	Council/Webinar	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	Science Center Staff	GMT GAP Advisors	Bellman
9	CPS STAR Panel for Pacific Sardine	February 20-22, 2024	Council/La Jolla, CA	Punt - chair TBD	CIE TBD	CPSMT CPSAS	Doerpinghaus Bellman
10	Groundfish Methodology Review of FT-NIRS method for estimating fish ages utilized in stock assessments	June 2024	Council/TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	CARE	GMT	Bellman
11	CCC Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Meeting (SCS8)	August 26-29, 2024	NEFMC/ Boston, MA	SSC members TBD	NA	NA	Bellman
12	Sablefish MSE Workshop	2024 TBD	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
13	Proposed Workshop to Develop Alternative Harvest Control Rules for Spiny Dogfish	2024 TBD	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee Members	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman