

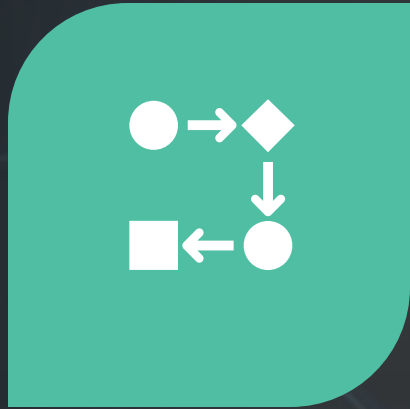
PHASE II STOCK DEFINITIONS – PLANNING

Agenda Item E.8

November 7, 2023



Discussion Outline



Background



Phase II



Timeline

Phase I

Defined 20 stocks of 14 species:

- 8 Rockfish: *Black, canary, copper, quillback, squarespot, vermilion, vermilion/sunset rockfishes, and shortspine thornyhead*
- 3 Flatfish: *Dover, petrale, and rex soles*
- 3 Round Fish: *Lingcod, Pacific spiny dogfish, and sablefish*

Adopted COP 9 process

- Process for defining stocks prioritized for assessment

Phase II: Objectives

1. Define stocks for the remaining 75 groundfish species
2. Revise the 11 stock complexes
3. Consider removal or delegation of stocks

Stock Definitions

Stock definitions necessary for 75 spp.

- Phase II will be less than 75
- Stocks to be assessed in 2025 & 2027 will be defined next year per COP9

Use Amendment 31 Framework

- Literature review
- Analyze biological, socio-economic, and management impacts

Stock Complexes

Council manages 11 complexes

Revision basis:

- MSA and NS guidelines
- Phase II Stock definitions outcomes

Initial tasks & needs:

- Update Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis (PSA)
- Incorporate new scientific/management information



Removal/Delegation

Removal

- Consider if stock needs to be managed by Council

Delegation

- Consider delegating aspects of management to state(s)

Initial tasks & needs:

- Develop policy for removal/delegation
- Consider Ad Hoc committee to develop policy

Schedule

Schedule divides process into three parts:

- Preparation - Nov 2023 to Sept 2024
- Stock Definitions & Removal/Delegation - 2024 to June 2025
- Stock Complexes: June 2025 to June 2026

Nov. 2023 – Sept. 2024

Preparation Period

- Literature/Science review (Council Staff)
- Initiate PSA update (GMT, Council Staff, & Science Center Staff)
- Initiate Federal/State waters catch delineation process (GMT, WCR modelers, etc.)



September 2024 to June 2025

- Scoping Sept. 2024
 - Stock definitions
 - Removal/delegation
 - Stock complexes*
- Ad hoc committee for removal/delegation considered
- FPA June 2025



June 2025 – June 2026

- Scope Stock Complexes: June/September 2025
- Incorporate into the 2027-28 biennial process
- FPA June 2026

Council Action

1. Adopt a workplan and schedule for Phase II stock definitions process
2. Provide guidance to staff, as appropriate

Questions



EXTRA SLIDES BELOW

Process Timeline 1

