

F.3 Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference

Council Action:

Adopt for Public Review a Preliminary List and Schedule of Stocks for Assessment in 2025 and 2027 and Draft Terms of Reference for Assessments, Methodology Reviews, and Rebuilding Analyses

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I move the Council adopt for public review the species, assessment type, and anticipated assessment area(s) in Table 1 below as the preliminary list for 2025 assessments, and the species, assessment type, and anticipated assessment area(s) in Table 2 below as the preliminary list for 2027 assessments;

Table 1. Preliminary Species, Assessment Type, and Anticipated Assessment Area(s) for 2025 Stock Assessments

| Species | Assessment Type | Anticipated Assessment Area(s) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sablefish | Benchmark | Coastwide |
| Quillback rockfish off California | Benchmark | South of 42° N. Lat. |
| Rougeye/ blackspotted rockfish | Benchmark | Coastwide |
| Yellowtail rockfish | Benchmark (both) or Benchmark (south) and Update (north) | Coastwide, or North of 40° 10' N. lat. South of 40° 10' N. lat. |
| Chilipepper rockfish | Benchmark or Data moderate | Coastwide |
| Widow rockfish | Update | Coastwide |
| Petrable sole | Benchmark | Coastwide |
| Yelloweye rockfish | Benchmark or update | Coastwide |
| English sole | Data moderate | Coastwide |
| Canary rockfish | Catch-only update | Coastwide |
| Shortspine Thornyhead | Catch-only update | Coastwide |

Table 2. Preliminary Species, Assessment Type, and Anticipated Assessment Area(s) for 2027 Stock Assessments

| Species | Assessment Type | Anticipated Assessment Area(s) |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pacific spiny dogfish shark | Benchmark | Coastwide |
| Vermilion/sunset rockfish | TBD | Multiple Areas |
| Petrale sole (if not done in 2025) | Benchmark | Coastwide |
| Yelloweye rockfish (if not done in 2025) | TBD | Coastwide |
| Slope rockfish species (TBD) | TBD | Coastwide |

and the Council adopt for public review: (1) the draft Terms of Reference for groundfish stock assessments ([Attachment 5](#)) incorporating the recommendations of the GMT in [Agenda Item F.3.a. Supplemental GMT Report 1](#); (2). The draft Terms of Reference for rebuilding analyses ([Attachment 6](#)); and (3) the draft Terms of Reference for Methodology ([Attachment 7](#)) reviews.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Caroline McKnight

Motion passes unanimously

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