

F.3 Final Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference

Council Action:

Adopt a Schedule and Final List of Groundfish Stocks for Assessment in 2025; Adopt Final Terms of Reference for Assessments, Methodology Reviews, and Rebuilding Analysis; and Refine the Preliminary List of Stocks for 2027 Assessments, As Needed

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Agenda Item F.3. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the species, assessment type, and anticipated assessment area(s) in Table 1 below as the final preferred alternative 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. Final Preferred 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.
Rougheye/ Blackspotted rockfish	Benchmark	Coastwide
Yellowtail rockfish	Benchmark	North of 40° 10' N. lat.
Chilipepper rockfish	Benchmark	Coastwide
Redbanded rockfish	Benchmark	Coastwide
Widow rockfish 1/	Update	Coastwide
Yelloweye rockfish 1/	Update	Coastwide
Petrале sole	Catch-only projection	Coastwide
Canary rockfish	Catch-only projection	Coastwide
Shortspine Thornyhead	Catch-only projection	Coastwide
Darkblotched rockfish	Catch-only projection	Coastwide
Black rockfish	Catch-only projection	Oregon
Bocaccio	Catch-only projection	Coastwide

1/ if there is the capacity to only do one update assessment, widow rockfish is the priority over yelloweye rockfish. Yelloweye rockfish would then be a priority for a benchmark assessment in 2027.

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
English sole	Benchmark	Coastwide

Vermilion/sunset rockfish	TBD	Multiple Areas
Cowcod	Benchmark	Coastwide
Lingcod	Benchmark	North and South of 40° 10' N. lat.
Petrale sole (if not done in 2025)	Benchmark	Coastwide
Yelloweye rockfish (if not done in 2025)	Benchmark	Coastwide
Slope rockfish species (TBD)	TBD	Coastwide

and the Council adopt as the final preferred alternative: (1) the draft Terms of Reference for groundfish stock assessments ([Attachment 4](#)) including the clarifications in [Supplemental Attachment 7](#) and the edit from the SSC Report ([Agenda Item F.3.a Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)), the Terms of Reference for rebuilding analyses ([Attachment 5](#)); and (3) Terms of Reference for Methodology ([Attachment 6](#)).

Have Council staff work with NMFS Science Center staff to determine which assessments should occur at which STAR panel, based on the assessor being assigned to the assessment, data deadlines, and age reading needs.

Motion by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Marci Yaremko

Motion passes unanimously

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