

**GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
 AGENDA & WORKLOAD PLANNING**

Overwinter Meeting

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) requests an in-person overwinter meeting in 2025, which we expect to be scheduled in late January or early February and would take place at the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) office in Portland, Oregon. This will provide an opportunity for the GMT to frontload work on 2025 Council agenda items. To the extent practicable, the GMT requests the meeting be hybrid (i.e., in-person and webinar) in order to allow participation from members of other advisory bodies, as well as to allow public comment.

March 2025

The GMT reviewed the draft March 2025 agenda in [Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 2](#), and we do not see a need for any changes to our meeting schedule or the schedule of Groundfish items.

April 2025

Groundfish is not currently scheduled to be on the April agenda. However, based on the Year-at-a-Glance, the GMT expects to provide comments on the Research and Data Needs item, as that item impacts our groundfish management work. The team may need to schedule a half-day or full-day webinar in advance of the April meeting to facilitate discussion and report writing on Research and Data Needs.

Additional Meetings

Members of the GMT will also be participating in a number of ancillary meetings and work sessions outside of Council meetings over the next several months, both as members of the GMT and as part of their other duties. Many of those meetings are part of the 2025 stock assessment cycle. A non-comprehensive list is found in Table 1.

Table 1. Non-comprehensive meetings and workshops the GMT expects to participate in outside of Council meetings for 2024 and 2025 in chronological order, along with expected GMT responsibilities.

Host	Meeting Purpose	Date(s)	Location	GMT Responsibilities
IPHC ^{a/}	Interim Meeting	November 25-26, 2024	Virtual	Participate as part of other job duties
SSC	Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting to Update Stock Assessment Accepted Practices Guidelines	December 2-3, 2024	Portland, OR and virtual	Serve as management advisors
PFMC	GMT Overwinter Meeting	January or February	Portland, OR	Begin planning 2027-28 harvest specifications and work on other groundfish items (e.g., stock definitions)

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IPHC ^{a/}	Annual Meeting	January 27-31	Vancouver, BC	Participate as part of other job duties
SSC	Yellowtail Rockfish Data Workshop	January 29-30	Virtual	Serve as management advisors
	Chilipepper Rockfish & California Quillback Rockfish Data Workshop	Late January	Virtual	Serve as management advisors
	Sablefish & Rougheye/Blackspotted Data Workshop	Late March	Virtual	Serve as management advisors
PSMFC ^{b/}	Spring FIN/Groundfish Workgroup Meeting	Spring	Virtual	Work with PacFIN on data user issues or improvements
	RecFIN Spring Meeting	May	Virtual	Work with RecFIN on data user issues or improvements
SSC	Yellowtail Rockfish STAR Panel	May 19-23	Seattle, WA	Serve as management advisors
	Chilipepper Rockfish & California Quillback STAR Panel	June 23-27	Santa Cruz, CA	Serve as management advisors
	Sablefish & Rougheye/Blackspotted STAR Panel	July 14-18	Seattle, WA	Serve as management advisors
	Mop-up Review (as needed)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	TBD	Serve as management advisors
PSMFC ^{b/}	Fall FIN/Groundfish Workgroup Meeting	Fall	Virtual	Work with PacFIN on data user issues or improvements
	PacFIN Annual Meeting	Fall	TBD	Work with PacFIN on data user issues or improvements
	RecFIN Fall Meeting	October 14-16	Monterey, CA	Work with RecFIN on data user issues or improvements

^{a/} International Pacific Halibut Commission

^{b/} Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

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