

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

**April 2025**

Groundfish specific items are not scheduled to be on the agenda for the April Council meeting and the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will not be attending the meeting in person. However, based on the proposed April agenda, the GMT would like the opportunity to provide comments on the Research and Data Needs item, as that item impacts groundfish management work, in addition to potential comments on the Council Operations and Priorities (COPs). The team has a half-day webinar scheduled on April 4 to facilitate discussion and report writing on Research and Data Needs and COPs, and requests that this meeting remain in place.

**June 2025**

**The GMT recommends unshading all Groundfish Items currently on the YAG in June.** The GMT reviewed the June agenda and provides the following thoughts on GMT workload prioritization of the Agenda items. The GMT sees E3 (Adopt Stock Assessments for 2027-28), E5 (Intersector Allocation Review – Final), E6 (Stock Definitions – FPA), E9 (2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Planning), and E10 (Inseason Management) as our top priorities and requests guidance from the Council to confirm these are the most important items for the team to focus on in June. Among those items, some may involve more GMT time than others.

To prepare for the June meeting, the GMT requests a webinar be scheduled in May to discuss groundfish and other relevant items on the Council’s agenda. The GMT expects to work with Council staff regarding which agenda items might be best suited for our webinar in an effort to optimize efficiency.

**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 in 2025 in chronological order, along with expected GMT responsibilities.**

<b>Host</b>	<b>Meeting Purpose</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>GMT Responsibilities</b>
SSC	Sablefish & Rougheye/Blackspotted Data Workshop	March 18th	Virtual	Serve as management advisors
Council	Advisory Body Briefing on Research & Data Needs	April 1	Virtual	Attend and prepare for comments at upcoming April Council meeting
PSMFC <sup>a/</sup>	Spring FIN/Groundfish Workgroup Meeting	Spring (TBD)	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
	Update Assessments	June 11	Rohnert Park, CA	Provide catch assumptions and assist as needed
	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
	Catch-Only-Update Assessments	Aug. 12-13	Virtual or TBD	Provide catch assumptions and assist as needed
	Mop-up Review (as needed)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	TBD	Serve as management advisors
PSMFC <sup>a/</sup>	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	Oct. 14-16	Monterey, CA	Work with RecFIN on data user issues or improvements
IPHC <sup>b/</sup>	Interim Meeting	Nov. 24-25	Virtual	Participate as part of other job duties

<sup>a/</sup> Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

<sup>b/</sup> International Pacific Halibut Commission