

## ADOPT STOCK ASSESSMENTS

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) process for setting groundfish harvest specifications depends on periodic assessments of the status of groundfish stocks and a report from an established assessment review body or Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panel. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviews this information and makes a recommendation relative to the standards of 1) the best scientific information available, and 2) soundness for use in groundfish fishery management decision-making by the Council. The Council then approves assessments and relevant analyses used to set groundfish harvest specifications for the following biennial management period.

The SSC will review two update stock assessments at this meeting for widow rockfish and yelloweye rockfish. Recommendations from the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's (GFSC) review of the two update stock assessments will be provided to the full SSC. Per the [Terms of Reference for groundfish stock assessment review](#), update assessments are reviewed by the SSC GFSC and do not go through a STAR panel review process. Per [Council Operating Procedure 4](#), assessment materials will be provided two weeks prior to review and posted to the June 2025 briefing book.

The Council is scheduled to review the update assessments, as well as the advice of the SSC, other advisory bodies, and the public before considering the adoption of new stock assessments and projections for use in groundfish management.

### **Council Action:**

**Approve update stock assessments, as appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

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| E.4 | Adopt Stock Assessments   | Marlene A. Bellman |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies                          |                    |
|     | b. Public Comment   |                    |
|     | c. <b>Council Action:</b> Adopt Update Stock Assessments for Yelloweye and Widow Rockfishes |                    |