

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed workload planning and has the following updates to its April 2025 statement under this agenda item.

STAR Panel 2 will cover benchmark assessments for chilipepper rockfish and California quillback rockfish on June 23-27, 2025 in Santa Cruz, CA. The meeting will be conducted in-person, and broadcast for listening and remote public comment. The STAR Panel will be Cheryl Barnes (chair), two CIE reviewers, and one additional reviewer with knowledge of West Coast groundfish assessments. Representatives from the GMT and GAP have been confirmed.

STAR Panel 3 will cover rougheye/blackspotted rockfish and sablefish on July 14-18, 2025 in Seattle, WA. The meeting will be conducted in-person, and broadcast for listening and remote public comment. The STAR Panel will be John Field (chair), two CIE reviewers, and Chris Free (SSC). Representatives from the GMT and GAP have been confirmed.

The SSC Economics Subcommittee proposes conducting a review of the Trawl Catch Share Program Review in advance of the September 2025 Council meeting so that feedback from the Subcommittee and the SSC can be addressed prior to final action scheduled in November. This review could occur as a virtual meeting in late August or early September of 2025.

The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee will meet to review update stock assessments for widow rockfish and yelloweye rockfish, full stock assessments that have been through STAR Panel review in 2025, and catch-only projections before the September 2025 Council meeting. The SSC suggests a 2 day in-person meeting in Seattle, WA on August 12-13, 2025. The meeting would be broadcast for listening and remote public comment. Representatives from the GMT and GAP are requested.

At the September Council meeting, the GFSC requests to meet in the morning of the first day of the SSC meeting (September 18, 2025) to review harvest specifications and any other QA/QC that might be required.

If further review and discussion of groundfish stock assessments and rebuilding analyses (if needed) are warranted, the SSC Groundfish Supplemental Review meeting is anticipated during the week of September 29-October 3, 2025. Depending upon the degree of complexity of any review materials, this meeting could be in-person, and broadcast for listening and remote public comment.

The SSC recommends that the SSC Salmon Subcommittee hold a Salmon Methodology Review with participation from the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and any other appropriate advisory bodies or subcommittees October 8-9, 2025, pending selection of final topics and completion of materials. Given the potential impact of two topics on California fisheries, and comments in April about public accessibility of Sacramento River Fall Chinook Work Group meetings, the SSC recommends holding the methodology review in California, and ensuring an accessible broadcast.

The Salmon Subcommittee requests that, if the meeting will take more than one day, it be scheduled as one full day and one partial day, rather than two partial days.

The SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee anticipates conducting its annual review of Ecosystem Status Report Science Topics from 1-5 pm on October 6, 2025 (virtual), based on the proposals put forward by the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment team at the March 2025 Council meeting.

For the November 2025 Council meeting, the SSC proposes to meet for 2.5 days starting November 13 at 8 AM.

The SSC proposes the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee conduct a review of the new SWFSC/NWFSC integrated survey in early 2026 to identify any issues or additional analyses to be conducted prior to use of the results from the survey in CPS stock assessments.

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Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2025 and Beyond

Italic items are noted as potential or preliminary

Shaded rows indicate newly added items since the prior statement

Workshop/Meeting		Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Groundfish STAR Panel 2: Chilipepper Rockfish Quillback Rockfish - California	June 23-27, 2025	Santa Cruz, CA/ Broadcast	Barnes – Chair	CIE (TBD), Invited Reviewer - Hicks	GMT GAP	Bellman
2	Groundfish STAR Panel 3: Rougheye/Blackspotted Rockfish Sablefish	July 14-18, 2025	Seattle, WA/ Broadcast	Field – Chair, Free - Reviewer	CIE (TBD)	GMT GAP	Phillips/ Bellman
3	<i>Economic Subcommittee Meeting: Trawl Catch Share Program Review</i>	<i>August/Sept 2025</i>	<i>Council/ Virtual</i>	<i>Economics Subcommittee</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>GMT GAP</i>	<i>Waller/ Bellman</i>
4	Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting: Stock Assessment Reviews	August 12-13, 2025	Council/ Seattle, WA/ Broadcast	Groundfish Subcommittee	TBD	GMT GAP	Bellman
5	<i>Groundfish Subcommittee Meeting: Prepare Harvest Specifications</i>	<i>September 18, 2025 (AM)</i>	<i>Council/ Spokane, WA/ TBD</i>	<i>Groundfish Subcommittee</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>GMP GAP</i>	<i>Bellman</i>
6	<i>Groundfish Supplemental Review</i>	<i>Sept 29-Oct 3, 2025 (After Sept CM)</i>	<i>Council/ TBD/Broadcast</i>	<i>Groundfish Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>GMT GAP</i>	<i>Bellman</i>
7	<i>Ecosystem Subcommittee Review: Ecosystem Status Report Science Topics</i>	<i>Oct 6, 2025; 1-5 pm</i>	<i>Council/Virtual</i>	<i>Ecosystem Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>EWG EAS</i>	<i>Lyons/ Bellman</i>
8	<i>Salmon Methodology Review</i>	<i>October 8-9, 2025 (tentative)</i>	<i>Council/ TBD</i>	<i>Salmon Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>STT</i>	<i>Forristall /Bellman</i>
9	<i>CPS Methodology Review: SWFSC/NWFSC Integrated Survey</i>	<i>Early 2026</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPS Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPSMT CPSAS</i>	<i>Bernaues/ Bellman</i>