

PROPOSED AGENDA

# Scientific and Statistical Committee

Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Salon III  
DoubleTree Spokane City Center  
322 North Spokane Falls Court  
Spokane, WA 99201  
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September 18-20, 2025

This Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting is open to the public and a dedicated public comment period has been scheduled. Additional public comments may be taken at the Chair's discretion. Pertinent information will be posted to the Council's [September 2025 meeting webpage](#) prior to the meeting. This meeting is being conducted in-person with a web broadcast and the opportunity for remote public comment.

Times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins. Agenda items listed under SSC Administrative Matters are in numerical order; other agenda items reflect their Council Meeting Agenda numbering. Times not specified for discussion and/or presentations will be allocated to the SSC's drafting and reviewing of statements, reports, etc.

Committee member work assignments are noted in parentheses at the end of each agenda item. The first name listed is the discussion leader and the second, the rapporteur.

## Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 1 PM

### SSC Administrative Matters

1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements, etc. Jason Schaffler
2. Report of the Executive Director Merrick Burden
3. Approve Agenda and June 2025 Minutes
4. Subcommittee Assignments - Current assignments listed at the end of agenda
5. Recusals and Council Floor Statement Planning
6. Open Discussion
  - a. PFMCC SSC Representative: Center for Independent Experts (CIE) review of Fisheries Integrated Modeling System (FIMS) for groundfish stock assessments

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2:15 p.m. (or immediately following SSC 6. Open Discussion)

Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

**Thursday, September 18, 2025 – continued**

- I. Administrative Matters
- 3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (SSC Closed Session)  
(2:30 p.m.; Appointments report to the Council in Closed Executive Session Sunday, September 21)

BREAK (3:00 – 3:15 p.m.)

- F. Salmon Management
- 1. Methodology Review – Final Topic Selection  
(3:15 p.m.; **Johnson; Copeland**; Report to the Council Sunday, September 21)

- G. Groundfish Management
- 4. Stock Assessment Methodology Topic Selection – Final Topics  
(4:15 p.m.; **Tsou; Budrick**; Report to the Council Monday, September 22)

**Friday, September 19, 2025 – 8 AM**

- G. Groundfish Management
- 3. Adopt Stock Assessments
  - i. Overview of stock assessments and STAR Panel Reports\*
    - a. Sablefish and STAR Panel 3 report
    - b. Rougheye/Blackspotted rockfishes and STAR Panel 3 report
    - c. Yelloweye update
    - d. Widow update
    - e. Catch-only projections: petrale sole, canary rockfish, shortspine thornyhead, darkblotched rockfish, Oregon black rockfish, bocaccio
  - ii. SSC Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) Report (August 12-13)  
(8:00 a.m.; **Free; Field/Barnes**; Report to the Council Monday, September 22)

\* Note the full SSC will meet on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to review STAR Panel 1 and 2 stocks and provide recommendations (yellowtail rockfish N. 40° 10', chilipepper rockfish, California quillback rockfish); see briefing book material.

BREAK (9:45 – 10:00 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
10:00 a.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item G.3)  
Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

**Friday, September 19, 2025 – continued**

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

3. Adopt Stock Assessments

iii. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

LUNCH (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

G. Groundfish Management

7. Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

(1:30 p.m.; **Hamel; Schaffler**; Report to the Council Tuesday, September 23)

G. Groundfish Management

6. Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Actions for 2027-28

(2:00 p.m.; **Holland; Hamel**; Report to the Council Tuesday, September 23)

BREAK (3:00 – 3:15 p.m.)

G. Groundfish Management

2. Phase 2 Stock Definitions – Final Action

(3:15 p.m.; **Hinton; Punt**; Report to the Council Monday, September 22)

SSC Administrative Matters (*continued*)

7. Draft and Review Statements

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 8 AM**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

8:00 a.m. (or immediately preceding SSC 8. Draft and Review Statements)

Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

SSC Administrative Matters (*continued*)

8. Draft and Review Statements

BREAK (9:45 – 10:00 a.m.)

I. Administrative Matters

4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

a. November Agenda and Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) review

b. 2025 Stock assessment cycle next steps

(10:00 a.m.; **Bellman; Schaffler**; Report to the Council Wednesday, September 24)

SSC Administrative Matters (*continued*)

9. Draft and Review Statements

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### SSC Subcommittee Assignments

<b>Salmon</b>	<b>Groundfish</b>	<b>Coastal Pelagic Species</b>	<b>Highly Migratory Species</b>	<b>Economics</b>	<b>Ecosystem-Based Management</b>
<b>Galen Johnson</b>	<b>John Field</b> (Chair)	<b>André Punt</b>	<b>Michael Hinton</b>	<b>Dan Holland</b>	<b>Tommy Moore</b>
John Budrick	<b>Cheryl Barnes</b> (Vice-Chair)	John Budrick	Cheryl Barnes	Chris Free	Cheryl Barnes
Tim Copeland [Carly Somerset, Alternate]	John Budrick	John Field	John Field	Michael Hinton	Tim Copeland [Carly Somerset, Alternate]
Owen Hamel	Chris Free	Owen Hamel	Dan Holland	André Punt	John Field
Tommy Moore	Owen Hamel	Michael Hinton	André Punt	Matthew Reimer	Chris Free
Will Satterthwaite	Tommy Moore	Will Satterthwaite	Matthew Reimer		Dan Holland
Jason Schaffler	André Punt	Tien-Shui Tsou			Galen Johnson
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					Will Satterthwaite

**Bold** denotes Subcommittee Chairperson

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