

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed workload planning and has the following updates to its April 2026 statement under this agenda item.

Sacramento River Fall Chinook peer review is scheduled for August 19-20, 2026. This review will be in person in Sacramento, California with hybrid access for virtual participation. The SSC (Jason Schaffler) is participating in an advisory capacity. If necessary, followup meetings are tentatively scheduled as webinars on September 11 and October 1, 2026.

The SSC recommends that the Groundfish and Economics Subcommittee meetings scheduled for the day preceding the September 2026 SSC meeting be changed to a full SSC review the same day. These two subcommittees include the vast majority of the SSC, so it is more efficient to have the three additional SSC members present for one review than to have the rest of the SSC conduct two reviews of the material.

The SSC requests that the Ecosystem and Economics subcommittees hold a one day webinar during August or on September 29, 2026 or one day hybrid meeting ahead of September SSC meeting to review future topics for the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Ecosystem Status Report.

An eDNA-based index of abundance, which has been developed for the Pacific hake stock assessment, has been informally proposed for application to widow rockfish and other groundfish species. The SSC requests a meeting to review this methodology. The SSC requests pairing this review with the methodology review for fishery-dependent indices of abundance for midwater rockfish assessments in early October of 2026.

An update assessment for the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific sardine is scheduled for early 2027 (likely online). An update assessment for Pacific mackerel is scheduled for early 2027 as an online meeting.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2026 and Beyond

Italic items are noted as potential or preliminary

Shaded rows indicate newly added items since the prior statement

Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
<i>Review of Pacific Sardine Management</i>	<i>July 22-24, 2026</i>	<i>La Jolla, CA</i>	<i>CPS Subcommittee (Hamel chairing)</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPSMT CPSAS</i>	<i>Katrina Bernaus</i>
<i>CPS Terms of Reference</i>	<i>August 5, 2026</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<i>CPS Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPSMT CPSAS</i>	<i>Katrina Bernaus</i>
<i>Sacramento River Fall Chinook Peer Review</i>	<i>August 19-20, 2026 (with tentative webinar follow-ups September 11 and October 1)</i>	<i>Sacramento, CA</i>	<i>Schaffler</i>	<i>Buehrens, Copeland, Garrison, Hamazaki, Liermann, Lindley, Rumsey</i>	<i>SSC STT SAS</i>	<i>Angela Forristall</i>
<i>Groundfish Harvest Specifications Flexibility Topic Review</i>	<i>September 16, 2026</i>	<i>Vancouver, WA or Council</i>	<i>SSC</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Jessi Waller</i>
<i>Ecosystem Status Report Science Topics Review (2026 topics)</i>	<i>September 29, 2026</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<i>Ecosystem and Economics Subcommittees</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>EWG EAS</i>	<i>Gilly Lyons</i>
<i>Groundfish Methodology Review - Standardization of fishery-dependent indices, midwater rockfishes</i>	<i>October 6-8, 2026; Occurs 1st: (6th-7th)</i>	<i>Seattle preferred or Portland</i>	<i>Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees</i>	<i>TBD/CIE</i>	<i>GMT GAP</i>	<i>Diana Perry</i>
<i>Groundfish Methodology Review - eDNA index of abundance for use in groundfish stock assessments</i>	<i>October 6-8, 2026; Occurs 2nd: (7th-8th)</i>	<i>Seattle preferred or Portland</i>	<i>Groundfish Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD/CIE</i>	<i>GMT GAP</i>	<i>Diana Perry</i>
<i>Salmon Methodology Review</i>	<i>October 2026</i>	<i>Council/TBD In person preferred</i>	<i>Salmon Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>STT</i>	<i>Angela Forristall</i>
<i>Sardine stock assessment (update)</i>	<i>Early 2027</i>	<i>Online (Council/TBD)</i>	<i>CPS Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPSMT CPSAS</i>	<i>Katrina Bernaus</i>

<i>Pacific mackerel stock assessment (update)</i>	<i>Early 2027</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>CPS Subcommittee</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>CPSMT CPSAS</i>	<i>Katrina Bernaus</i>
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