PROPOSED AGENDA

Scientific and Statistical Committee's Ecosystem-Based Management and Economics Subcommittees

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Online Meeting
September 29, 2026

This joint meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Ecosystem-Based Management (ES) and Economics Subcommittees will be held online and is open to the public. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, or until business for the day concludes. Pertinent information will be posted on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) website prior to the meeting. A dedicated public comment agenda item has been scheduled. Additional public comments may be taken at the discretion of the Chair. Dates and times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins. Please refer to the Meeting Notice on the Council's website for more information.

The purpose of the meeting is to review ecosystem science topics identified by the Council for potential incorporation in the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Team's Ecosystem Status Report (ESR). These topics include a) Review of changes to fishery diversification indices; b) Review of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) index and its utility as an ecosystem indicator; and c) Revisiting indicators to support management of groundfish stocks. This review of science topics may potentially inform future annual reports to the Council on the state of the California Current Ecosystem. Subcommittee member work assignments are noted in parentheses for each agenda item; the first name listed is the discussion leader and the second is the rapporteur. The SSC ES and Economics Subcommittee will report their recommendations to the full SSC, which in turn is scheduled to provide a report to the Council at the March 2027 meeting.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

A. Welcome and Introductions

1.	Roll Call and Agenda Overview	Gilly Lyons
2.	Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Announcements	Dr. Chris Free, Dr. Dan Holland
3.	Approve Agenda	ES and Economics Subcommittees
4.	Review Rapporteurs	ES and Economics Subcommittee

B. Topic 1: Review of Changes to Fishery Diversification Indices

1. Presentation (30 minutes) — Dr. Abigail Golden
2. Discussion (45 minutes) — ES and Economics Subcommittees; CCIEA Team

(9:15 a.m., Werner/Free)

C. Topic 2: Review of the PDO Index and its Utility as an Ecosystem Indicator

1. Presentation (30 minutes) — Dr. Allison Cluett
2. Discussion (45 minutes) — ES and Economics Subcommittees; CCIEA Team

(10:30 a.m., Holland/Johnson)

LUNCH (11:45)

D. Topic 3: Revisiting Indicators to Support Management of Groundfish Stocks

1. Presentation (30 minutes) — Dr. Nick Tolmieri and Dr. Jason Cope
2. Discussion (45 minutes) — ES and Economics Subcommittees; CCIEA Team

(12:15 p.m., Satterthwaite/Rovellini)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1:30 p.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item D)

E. Plan for Report Completion — Dr. Chris Free, Dr Dan Holland

(1:45 p.m.)

ADJOURN

PFMC
09/23/26