

PROPOSED AGENDA

Groundfish Methodology Review: Suitability of Fishery-dependent CPUE and eDNA Abundance Indices in Groundfish Stock Assessments

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Seattle, WA

October 6 - 8, 2026

The Groundfish and Economic Subcommittees of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene a methodology review meeting, which is open to the public and includes a dedicated public comment period, has been scheduled. Additional public comments may be taken at the discretion of the Chair. Instructions for how to connect to the meeting will be posted on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) [website](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. In the event an outage occurs or technical issues arise that impact the experience of remote attendees, we will attempt to resolve them but ultimately cannot guarantee that they will be resolved satisfactorily.

The purpose of this groundfish methodology review meeting is aimed at evaluating fishery-dependent CPUE and eDNA indices of abundance for use in groundfish stock assessments. This review is planned in preparation for the 2027-2028 groundfish stock assessment cycle. Council recommendations from this review are not considered final until reviewed by the full SSC.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – 8:30 AM

A. Call to Order

Cheryl Barnes & Jason Schaffler

1. Introductions, Announcements, etc.
2. Overview of Review Objectives
3. Review and Approve Agenda, Assign Rapporteurs

B. Review Fishery-dependent Index Methods and Simulation Study

1. Overview and presentation
(9:20 a.m.)

Analysis Team
(Schaffler; Werner)

BREAK (10:30 - 10:45 a.m.)

2. Discussion
(10:45 a.m.)

(Schaffler; Werner)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
11:45 a.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item B.2)
Public comments are accepted at this time.

LUNCH (12:00 - 1:30pm)

C. Review Fishery-dependent Index Case Study

1. Overview and presentation
(1:30 p.m.)

Analysis Team
(Schaffler; Rovellini)

2. Discussion
(2:30 p.m.)

(Schaffler; Rovellini)

BREAK (3:00 - 3:15 p.m.)

D. Requests and Responses (if applicable)
(3:15 p.m.)

(Schaffler; Budrick)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
4:00 p.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item D)
Public comments are accepted at this time.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – 8:30 AM

A. Call to Order

4. Overview of Day 1 outcomes and Day 2 expectations

Jason Schaffler

D. Requests and Responses (if applicable)
(9:15 a.m.)

Analysis Team
(Schaffler; Budrick)

BREAK (10:30 - 10:45 a.m.)

E. Coordination of Report Writing
(10:45 a.m.)

Jason Schaffler

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
11:15 a.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item E)
Public comments are accepted at this time.

LUNCH (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

A. Call to Order
5. Introductions, Announcements, etc.
6. Overview of Review Objectives
7. Review and Approve Agenda, Assign Rapporteurs
(1:00 p.m.)

Cheryl Barnes

F. Review eDNA Index of Abundance

1. Overview and presentation
(1:15 p.m.)

Analysis Team
(Barnes; Hamel)

BREAK (2:45 - 3:00 p.m.)

2. Discussion
(3:00 p.m.)

(Barnes; Hamel)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
4:00 p.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item F.2)
Public comments are accepted at this time.

Thursday, October 8, 2026 – 8:30 AM

A. Call to Order
8. Overview of Day 2 outcomes and Day 3 expectations

Cheryl Barnes

G. Review of eDNA Index Case Study

3. Overview and presentation
(8:45 a.m.)

Analysis Team
(Barnes; Kuriyama)

4. Discussion
(10:00 a.m.)

(Barnes; Kuriyama)

BREAK (10:30 - 10:45 a.m.)

4. Discussion, continued
(10:45 a.m.)

(Barnes; Kuriyama)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
11:15 a.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item G.4)
Public comments are accepted at this time.

LUNCH (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

H. Requests and Responses (if applicable)

(1:00 p.m.)

(Barnes; Budrick)

I. Coordination of Report Writing

Cheryl Barnes

(2:30 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3:00 p.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item I)

Public comments are accepted at this time.

J. Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Cheryl Barnes

(4:30 p.m.)

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