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 September 2026 statement under this agenda item.

The SSC Economics Subcommittee anticipates holding a webinar in January or February to review progress on the Community Resilience Decision Tool (CRDT).

An update stock assessment review for the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine is scheduled for 24 February 2027 (likely online). An update stock assessment review for Pacific mackerel is scheduled for 25 February 2027 (online).

The SSC anticipates that the groundfish subcommittee (GFSC) will conduct pre-assessment workshops for all stocks to be assessed in 2027 as benchmarks or updates. These workshops will take place via webinar in January, February, and March of 2027 (Supplemental Information Report 8) and be co-facilitated by STAR panel chairs and stock assessment teams (STATs). The SSC requests participation by the GAP and GMT. In addition, the GFSC will conduct two STAR Panels, a review meeting for update assessments, catch-only projections, and Category 3 analyses, a supplemental review (if needed), and an end-of-cycle groundfish stock assessment process review during 2027.

The SSC recommends that the GFSC hold a virtual meeting to revise the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments document for the 2027-2028 cycle. This meeting would be virtual and include participations by stock assessors, GMT, GAP, and other participants in the stock assessment process. The terms of reference (TOR) for the groundfish stock assessment review process for 2027-2028, TORs for rebuilding analyses and methodology reviews were not reviewed and revised. The GFSC proposes reviewing and revising those TORs in early 2028.

The SSC Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee anticipates conducting a review meeting, should the Council adopt any review topics from the March 2027 meeting California Current Ecosystem Annual Status Report and Science Review Topics agenda item. This meeting is anticipated in the fall of 2027, and the SSC recommends developing a formal pathway for putting the report from that meeting, if it were held, into the November 2027 Briefing Book.

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
Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments (2027-28)	December 3, 2026	Online	Groundfish Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Community Resilience Decision Tool (CRDT) Progress Review (Special Project 2)	*January or February 2027*	*Online*	*Economics Subcommittee*	*NA*	*EWG EAS*	*Gilly Lyons*
Pacific Sardine Update Stock Assessment Review	February 24, 2027	Online	CPS Subcommittee	*NA*	CPSMT CPSAS	Katrina Bernaus
Pacific Mackerel Update Stock Assessment Review	February 25, 2027	Online	CPS Subcommittee	*NA*	CPSMT CPSAS	Katrina Bernaus
Special Project #2: Community Resilience Decision Tool Review	Spring 2027	Online	Economics Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	Gilly Lyons
Pre-assessment Workshop: Redbanded Rockfish	January 20, 2027 (½ day, AM)	Online	STAR Panel Chair	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Pre-assessment Workshop: Yellowtail Rockfish (S of 40°10`N)	February 9, 2027 (½ day, AM)	Online	STAR Panel Chair	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Pre-assessment Workshop: Lingcod (N and S of 40°10`N)	February 10, 2027 (full day)	Online	STAR Panel Chair	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Pre-assessment Workshop: Petrale Sole & Shortspine Thornyhead	March 12, 2027 (½ day, AM)	Online	STAR Panel Chair	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Review Draft Community Resilience Decision Tool (CRDT; Special Project 2)	*April or June 2027*	*Online*	*Economics Subcommittee*	*NA*	*EWG EAS*	*Gilly Lyons*
Petrale Sole Update, Catch-Only Projections, Category 3 Analyses Review	June 8, 2027 (PM) *	Seattle, WA	Groundfish Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Redbanded Rockfish and Yellowtail Rockfish (S of 40°10`N) STAR Panel	June 28 - July 2, 2027	Santa Cruz, CA	Jason Schaffler (Chair)	CIE (2); Additional Reviewer	GMT GAP	Diana Perry

Shortspine Thornyhead Update Stock Assessment Review	July 8	Online	Groundfish Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Lingcod (N and S of 40°10`N) STAR Panel	July 19-23, 2027	Seattle, WA	Cheryl Barnes (Chair) Alberto Rovellini	CIE (2)	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Ecosystem Status Report Science Topics Review (2027 Topics)	Fall 2027	TBD	Ecosystem Subcommittee	TBD	EWG EAS	Gilly Lyons
Groundfish Supplemental Review	Wk of October 4, 2027	TBD	Groundfish Subcommittee	CIE	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Groundfish Process Review	Dec 2027	Online	Groundfish Subcommittee	CIE	GMT GAP	Diana Perry
Terms of Reference Review: Rebuilding Analyses and Methodology Reviews for Groundfish Stock Assessments	*Jan 2028*	*Online*	*Groundfish Subcommittee*	*NA*	*GMT GAP STATs*	*Diana Perry*

STAR (stock assessment review) panels are for benchmark assessments only.
* This is the latest possible date for a review meeting to allow for travel time prior to the June Council meeting.

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