

# D.8 Initial Stock Assessment Plan for 2027 and 2029

## Council Task:

1. Consider NMFS Report 1 which outlines the Science Center assessment capacity and provides preliminary recommendations for 2027 assessments.
2. Consider information from the online groundfish assessment prioritization tool, management needs, and other factors along with input from advisory bodies.
3. Recommend a preliminary list of species for assessment by type for 2027 and 2029.

## **Guidance:**

Request that the Science Centers work with partners to provide more information at the June 2026 meeting on age reading capacity, data availability, and related issues to consider full benchmark assessments for the following species:

2027 cycle:

- Redbanded rockfish
- Lingcod
- Widow rockfish

- Yellowtail rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.

2029 cycle:

- Black rockfish off Oregon and Washington
- Spiny Dogfish (but leaning toward 2029)

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