

E.4 FINAL STOCK ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR 2027, PRELIMINARY PRIORITIES FOR 2029 AND BEYOND

Council Task:

1. Consider information provided on capacity and available data from the NMFS NWFSC.
2. Recommend a final list of species by assessment type for 2027.
3. Provide comments on the preliminary ten-year plan, including preliminary priorities for 2029.

Agenda Item E.4. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the species, assessment type, and assessment area(s) in Table 1 below as the final preferred alternative list for 2027 assessments, noting that there are more catch-only projections listed than may be possible, therefore they are listed in priority order as recommended by the GAP.

Table 1. Final Preferred Species, Assessment Type, and Anticipated Assessment Area(s) for 2027 Stock Assessments.

Species	Assessment Type	Anticipated Assessment Area(s)
Lingcod	Benchmark	North and South of 40° 10' N. lat.
Yellowtail rockfish		South of 40° 10' N. lat.
Redbanded rockfish		Coastwide
Petrable sole	Update	Coastwide
Shortspine Thornyhead		Coastwide
Canary rockfish	Catch-only projection (in priority order)	Coastwide
California scorpionfish		California
Darkblotched rockfish		Coastwide
Cowcod		South of 40° 10' N. lat.
Sablefish		Coastwide
Yellowtail rockfish		North of 40° 10' N. lat.
Widow rockfish		Coastwide

And the preliminary species for potential benchmark assessments and anticipated assessment area(s) in Table 2 below for 2029 assessments, acknowledging that the current list contains more assessments than there is capacity and will need to be culled at a later date based on data and age structure availability:

Table 2. Preliminary Species, Assessment Type, and Anticipated Assessment Area(s) for 2029 Stock Assessments

Species	Assessment Type	Anticipated Assessment Area(s)
Black rockfish	Benchmark	Oregon and Washington
Bocaccio		Coastwide
Darkblotched rockfish		Coastwide
Shortspine thornyhead		Coastwide
Spiny dogfish shark		Coastwide
Vermilion/Sunset rockfish		North and south of 42° N. lat.
Widow rockfish		Coastwide

Additionally, have Council staff work with NMFS Science Center staff to determine which assessments should occur at which STAR panel, based on the assessor being assigned to the assessment, data deadlines, and age reading needs.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Brad Pettinger

Motion passes unanimously

Guidance

- Ask the NMFS Science Centers' staff continue to develop the long-term assessment plan ([Attachment 1](#)) and streamlining incorporating the recommendations from the SSC, GAP, and GMT.
- For the proposal to shift from two to one meeting for the stock assessment plan, ask Council staff to consider the feedback from the GAP and GMT, get feedback from the SSC, and bring back to the Council for further consideration at a future meeting.