

E.7 STOCK ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2027-28

Council Tasks:

1. Consider key outcomes from Agenda Item E.3 Stock Assessment Process Review and proposed process revisions for inclusion in the TOR.
2. Provide guidance on whether one-page, at-a-glance assessment summaries are a desired TOR component, request feedback on Center capacity and the appropriate stage(s) in the stock assessment process for producing these summaries.
3. Provide guidance on the inclusion of risk tables in stock assessment documents as part of the TOR (moved from the Accepted Practices document).
4. Provide guidance on the expectations for a GAP-led appendix.
5. Adopt a detailed outline of TOR for groundfish stock assessments which will guide the development of a final TOR for adoption in November 2026.

Agenda Item E.7. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the detailed outline of the Terms of Reference for groundfish stock assessments as shown in [Attachment 1](#) for final adoption in November 2026, and work to include recommendations from the GAP ([Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, June 2026](#)), GMT ([Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, June 2026](#)) and SSC ([Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, June 2026](#)):

- Have one page, at-a-glance summaries for stock assessments be part of the process, but not part of the TOR
- Criteria for changes in stock assessment type (“on ramps/off ramps”)
- Keep executive summary content robust consistent with previous assessments.
- GAP-led appendix as living document with first iteration in November-December timeframe of even years (prior to pre-assessment workshops) and probable last iteration for inclusion in STAR panel report.
- Incorporating risk tables as TOR component.
- alternative catch streams for potential use in management.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Brad Pettinger

Motion passes unanimously