

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2027-2028
– PART 1

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the 2027-28 groundfish harvest specifications under default ([F.3 Attachment 1 Table 1-9](#), [F.3 Attachment 2 Table 2](#)) and alternative harvest control rules ([F.3 Attachment 2 Table 3](#), [F.3 Attachment 3 Table 1](#)). The SSC found all calculations to be correct and endorses them for use in management.

Extended harvest projections were not available for Oregon kelp greenling due to the federal furlough. The SSC recommends using the 2026 overfishing limit (141.63 mt) and acceptable biological catch (126.90 mt) for Oregon kelp greenling for 2027 and 2028.

The Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) will update the Terms of Reference for groundfish stock assessments during the January 2026 Process Review Meeting to reflect current best practices. These updates will include a description of the methods used to adjust the rate at which scientific uncertainty increases in catch projections for short-lived species with natural mortality greater than 0.15 yr^{-1} . The SSC will use these methods for all stocks assessed during the next biennium and the GFSC will recommend whether to retroactively apply these modified calculations for stocks with existing catch projections after discussions at the January 2026 Process Review Meeting.

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