

## SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed future workload planning and the impacts of the partial government shutdown on previously scheduled meetings, and has the following updates and recommendations. The partial government shutdown resulted in the cancellation of several meetings (Groundfish Subcommittee meeting in January in Seattle for best practices and skate catch reconstructions, the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) survey methodology review, Highly Migratory Species webinar on albacore distribution).

The SSC has rescheduled the Groundfish Subcommittee meeting concurrent with the Pre-Assessment workshop for groundfish stock assessments for March 25-26, in Portland, OR with listening stations and remote participation from Newport, OR and Santa Cruz, CA. That meeting will include subcommittee review of the best practices guidelines. That meeting will be followed by a one-day review of skate catch reconstructions on March 27, also in Portland, OR. The SSC recommends that the ROV survey methodology review be rescheduled for late 2019 or early 2020.

As reported in the SSC statement on the California Current IEA Report (Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental SSC Report), the SSC recommends that it continue to evaluate requests for reviews from the CCIEA team annually in March and schedule reviews at SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee (SSC-ES) meetings the following September as needed. For this September, the SSC recommends that the SSC-ES and Highly Migratory Species subcommittees review of drivers of albacore distribution and availability to fisheries, and that the SSC-ES review spatial indicators of bottom contact by trawl gear and fixed gear. The SSC-ES also proposes reviewing the salmon forecasts and the stoplight indicators that were presented in the CCIEA Supplementary Materials, pending availability of IEA team members. If the latter is reviewed, the meeting would benefit from joint review with the SSC Salmon Subcommittee.

As the partial government shutdown also precluded the ability of the CPS subcommittee to review Pacific sardine assessment as part of the March meeting, due to the inability of the assessment team to complete the assessment, that review has been scheduled for a webinar for March 28.

With respect to previously planned stock assessment review panels (Pacific mackerel and the four groundfish panels), the SSC recommends that these remain as previously scheduled. However, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center has indicated that delaying review of the two update stock assessments, widow rockfish and petrale sole, would allow for age readers to catch up on age determination efforts that were delayed due to the government shutdown. Consequently, the SSC recommends delaying review of those updated stock assessments to the previously scheduled August 20 Groundfish subcommittee meeting. To accommodate the time needs for that review, the SSC recommends that this be a 1.5 day meeting in either Portland, OR or Seattle.

The SSC continues to recommend a Groundfish Mop-up review panel be held, if needed, from September 30 to October 4, 2019, in Seattle.

The SSC recommends that a salmon methodology review be held in October of 2019, most likely in Portland, OR, with potential topics to be discussed in April.

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1	Pre-Assessment Workshop for 2019 Groundfish Assessments (Except Cabezon), Portland, OR/ webinar	Mar. 25-26	Council/ Portland, OR; / webinar	STAR Chairs & Interested GF Subcommittee members	None	GMT GAP	DeVore
2	Review of Historical Catch Reconstructions of Skate Species and Other Skate Data Issues	Mar. 27	Council/ Portland, OR/ webinar	GF Subcommittee	TBD	Doerpinghaus (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore
3	Pacific Sardine Update Assessment Review	Mar. 28 (9-noon) Webinar	Council/ Vancouver, WA	CPS Subcommittee	None	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
4	Pacific Mackerel STAR Panel	Apr. 23 – 25	Council/ La Jolla, CA	Punt (Chair), Hamel, Budrick	CIE	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin
5	Cabezon STAR Panel	May 6-10	Council/ Newport, OR	Sharma (Chair),	CIE	Mirick (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore
6	Longnose and Big Skates STAR Panel	June 3-7	Council/ Seattle, WA	Sampson (Chair)	CIE Dorn	Doerpinghaus (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore

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<b>7</b> Sablefish STAR Panel	July 8-12	Council/ Seattle, WA	Field (Chair)	CIE Ianelli	Mirick (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore
<b>8</b> Gopher/Black-and-Yellow RF and Cowcod STAR Panel	July 22-26	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair), Satterthwaite	CIE	Mandrup (GMT) Richter (GAP)	DeVore
<b>9</b> Review of STAR Panel Reviews to Develop the Mop-Up Review, if needed;  Review of update GF assessments	Aug. 20-21	Council/ Portland, OR or Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee	NA	GMT GAP	DeVore
<b>10</b> Ecosystem Indicators Review, Including Review of Analyses of Drivers of Albacore Distribution and Availability to Fisheries in the California Current	Sep. 11	Council/ Boise, ID	HMS, Salmon, & Ecosystem Subcommittees	TBD	None	Dahl DeVore
<b>11</b> Groundfish Mop-Up Review Panel, if needed	Sep. 30 – Oct. 4	Council/ Seattle, WA	GF Subcommittee members	CIE	GMT GAP	DeVore
<b>12</b> Salmon Methodology Review	Oct. TBD	Council/ TBD	Salmon Subcommittee members	NA	STT, MEW	Ehlke

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<b>13</b>	Review of Nearshore ROV Survey Designs and Methodologies	Fall 2019/Winter 2020 TBD	Council/ Santa Cruz, CA	Hamel (Chair?), Shelton, Tsou, Sharma, Berger, Field	CIE	None	DeVore
<b>14</b>	Data-Limited Methodology Workshop	2020 - TBD	Council/ TBD	GF & CPS Subcommittee members	TBD	TBD	DeVore