

Agenda Item G.3 New Methodology Informing Sigma Values – Final Adoption
Council Action:

Adopt New Sigma Values Endorsed by the SSC for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species

G.3 – WDFW Motion – moved by Michele Culver; 2nd by Rich Lincoln

Motion carried. Mr. Louis Zimm voted no.

I move that the Council adopt the new sigma values for groundfish and coastal pelagic species stocks as recommended by the SSC in Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1. This includes the updated baseline sigma values and the recommended increase in sigma due to stock assessment age.

Additionally, request that the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers' groundfish stock assessors work with others, as appropriate, to further explore and develop methods for improved sigma baseline and age increase values that may be stock-specific, stock category-specific, or related to groups of stocks with similar life history parameters. The intent would be to explore and develop these refined methods for SSC and Council consideration, preferably prior to the selection of priority groundfish stocks for the 2023-2024 assessment cycle.