

PROPOSED AGENDA
Scientific and Statistical Committee's
Groundfish Subcommittee

The Auditorium
NOAA Fisheries, Northwest Fisheries Science Center
2725 Montlake Boulevard East
Seattle, Washington 98112
Online Webinar
Telephone: 206-860-3200

August 20-21, 2019

This is a meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC's) Groundfish Subcommittee, with remote attendance via webinar (see webinar information below). SSC subcommittee meetings are open to the public, and public comments will be taken at the discretion of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Chair.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 – 8:30 AM

A. Call to Order - SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Administrative Matters

1. Call to Order and Introductions Dave Sampson
2. Webinar Instructions John DeVore
3. Approve Agenda
4. Rapporteur Assignments
(8:30 a.m., 0.5 hours)

B. Review New Benchmark Assessments and Stock Assessment Review Panel Reports

1. Review the Cabezon Assessments
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessments Rishi Sharma, Jason Cope, and Aaron Berger
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessments as Best Scientific Information AvailableIf Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
 - iii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
 - iv. Recommend Whether the Next Assessment Should be a Benchmark or UpdateIf Not Endorsed:
 - v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
 - vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review(9 a.m.; 1.25 hours)

BREAK (10:15 – 10:30 a.m.)

2. Review the Longnose Skate Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Dave Sampson and Vlada Gertseva
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information AvailableIf Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
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 - v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
 - vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review(10:30 a.m.; 1 hour)

3. Review the Big Skate Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Dave Sampson and Ian Taylor
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information Available

If Endorsed:

- i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
- ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
- iii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- iv. Recommend Whether the Next Assessment Should be a Benchmark or Update

If Not Endorsed:

- v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
- vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review

(11:30 a.m.; 1 hour)

LUNCH (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)

4. Review the Sablefish Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment John Field and Melissa Haltuch
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information Available

If Endorsed:

- i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
- ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
- iii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- iv. Recommend Whether the Next Assessment Should be a Benchmark or Update

If Not Endorsed:

- v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
- vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review

(1:30 p.m.; 1.5 hours)

BREAK (3 – 3:15 p.m.)

5. Review the Cowcod Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Owen Hamel and E.J. Dick
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
 - iii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
 - iv. Recommend Whether the Next Assessment Should be a Benchmark or Update
 If Not Endorsed:
 - v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
 - vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review

(3:15 p.m.; 1 hour)

6. Review the Gopher/Black-and-Yellow Rockfishes Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Owen Hamel and Melissa Monk
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Recommend the Stock Category and the Sigma
 - iii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
 - iv. Recommend Whether the Next Assessment Should be a Benchmark or Update
 If Not Endorsed:
 - v. Recommend Whether the Assessment Should be Reviewed at the 2019 Mop-Up Panel
 - vi. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review

(4:15 p.m.; 1 hour)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019 – 8:30 AM

C. Review New Update Stock Assessments

1. Review the Petrale Sole Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Chantel Wetzel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
 If Not Endorsed:
 - iii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review

(8:30 a.m.; 1 hour)

2. Review the Widow Rockfish Assessment
 - a. Brief Overview of the Assessment Grant Adams
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Assessment as Best Scientific Information AvailableIf Endorsed:
 - i. Identify Major Uncertainties and Considerations for Management Decision-Making
 - ii. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest SpecificationsIf Not Endorsed:
 - iii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review(9:30 a.m.; 1 hour)

BREAK (10:30 – 10:45 a.m.)

D. Review New Catch-Only Updates of Past Assessments

1. Review the Black Rockfish Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Andi Stephens
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information AvailableIf Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest SpecificationsIf Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review(10:45 a.m.; 0.5 hours)
2. Review the Blackgill Rockfish Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information AvailableIf Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest SpecificationsIf Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review(11:15 a.m.; 0.33 hours)

3. Review the California Blue/Deacon Rockfishes Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Chantel Wetzel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
If Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
(11:35 a.m.; 0.33 hours)

4. Review the Canary Rockfish Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
If Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
(11:55 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

LUNCH (12:15- 1:15 p.m.)

5. Review the China Rockfish Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
If Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
(1:15 p.m.; 0.5 hours)

6. Review the Darkblotched Rockfish Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
If Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
(1:45 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

7. Review the Dover Sole Catch-Only Update
 - a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Chantel Wetzel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
If Endorsed:
 - i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
If Not Endorsed:
 - ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
(2:05 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

8. Review the Lingcod Catch-Only Update
- a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
- If Endorsed:
- i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- If Not Endorsed:
- ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
- (2:25 p.m.; 0.5 hours)

BREAK (2:55 – 3:10 p.m.)

9. Review the Longspine Thornyhead Catch-Only Update
- a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Grant Adams
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
- If Endorsed:
- i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- If Not Endorsed:
- ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
- (3:10 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

10. Review the Rougheye/Blackspotted Rockfishes Catch-Only Update
- a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Owen Hamel
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
- If Endorsed:
- i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- If Not Endorsed:
- ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
- (3:30 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

11. Review the Shortspine Thornyhead Catch-Only Update
- a. Brief Overview of the Catch-Only Update Ian Taylor
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Catch-Only Update as Best Scientific Information Available
- If Endorsed:
- i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- If Not Endorsed:
- ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
- (3:50 p.m.; 0.33 hours)

12. Review the Revised Yelloweye Rockfish ABC Projections and Catch Report
- a. Brief Overview of the Revised ABC Projections Vlada Gertseva
 - b. Consider Endorsing the Revised ABC Projections as Best Scientific Information Available
- If Endorsed:
- i. Review and Recommend the 2021 and 2022 Harvest Specifications
- If Not Endorsed:
- ii. Recommend What Revisions are Needed Before Further Review
- c. Review the Catch Report Chantel Wetzel

(4:10 a.m.; 0.33 hours)

E. Review Remaining Projections and Identify Which Stocks Require Further Analysis for Informing the 2021-2022 Biennial Specifications Process

(4:30 p.m., 1 hour)

F. Other Business?

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