

METHODOLOGY REVIEW – FINAL TOPIC SELECTION

Council Operating Procedure 25 ([COP 25](#)) specifies the Council process for reviewing proposed new methodologies to inform management decisions. Two types of methodologies are considered in COP 25, groundfish impact analyses (proposed in September of even years) and those proposed for use in groundfish stock assessments (proposed in September of odd years). This agenda item concerns selecting methodology review topics proposed for use in future stock assessments.

There is a proposal from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to review a methodology for a visual and hydroacoustic survey of semi-pelagic rockfishes with the goal of eventually using this survey to inform future stock assessments (Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1). A proposal from the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center is requesting review of new data-moderate assessment approaches that would incorporate length data in models informed by at least one relative abundance index to estimate status and abundance of groundfish stocks (Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 2).

The Council should consider the recommendations on any new proposed groundfish methodologies and schedule a formal methodology review next year of those proposals meriting a review.

Council Action:

Adopt Methodology Review Topics for Review in 2020.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1: Proposal for a Methodology Review of a Combined Visual-Hydroacoustic Survey of Oregon's Nearshore Semi-Pelagic Black (*Sebastes melanops*), Blue (*Sebastes mystinus*) and Deacon (*Sebastes diaconus*) Rockfish.
2. Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 2: Proposal for Review of Data-moderate Approaches that are Highly Reliant on Length Data.

Agenda Order:

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Identify Priority Projects for Review in 2020