



D6 SSC Workshop: Harvest Control Rules

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June 4, 2025, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Time (PT), Best Western Agate Beach, Newport, OR

Meeting Materials: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3093>

Zoom webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447244104?pwd=GKWFQoRx8bvbqFluaDQ7btdBD929tR.1>

Workshop Overview: A public workshop by the SSC to discuss and solicit input on adjustments to current Groundfish and Crab fishery management plan (FMP) harvest specification Tier-levels and resulting harvest control rules (HCRs) for determination of the overfishing level (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC)

Overarching goal: To develop a scope of work and Terms of Reference for a workgroup (or several coordinated teams) to prepare a discussion paper of proposed HCR adjustments for consideration/recommendations by the Plan Teams/SSC/AP/Council

Additional context: This workshop is designed to address the Council's requests from October and December 2024. The Council identified consideration of Tier-systems, climate-informed biomass targets and climate-robust or forecast-informed harvest control rules as part of their [Climate Workplan](#) (December 2024). The Council's [October 2024 motion](#) included 'Consider to what extent, and whether, to revise groundfish and crab harvest control rules (HCRs) to be more climate-resilient. Schedule a February or April 2025 SSC workshop as a starting point to frame how to approach and prioritize HCR adjustment opportunities. The Council supports the formation of a technical SSC-Plan Team-agency subgroup to develop the ideas from the SSC workshop.'

Panel participants: SSC members, invited panelists/speakers

Format: Two overarching presentations, two sections of 'lightning talks' (1-2 slides, ~3 minutes long) to frame discussion, followed by questions and answers and panel discussion. Following this, a public comment period and SSC (only) discussion to develop the work plan.

DRAFT Schedule (*subject to change*)

1. Introduction and brief overview of SSC workshop (*Franz Meuter, workshop Chair*)

Session 1:

2. Overview of workshop goals and objectives, current groundfish and crab Tiers, and harvest control rules and their potential flexibility under the Council's fishery management plans (FMPs) (*Diana Stram*)
3. Update on HCR considerations and simulations to date, based on ACLIM/GOACLIM work and related analyses (*Kirstin Holsman/Anne Hollowed*)
4. Questions and panel discussion on Session 1

Session 2:

5. Invited issue-specific 'lightning talks' (note titles may change)
 - a. MOM6 projections for Bering Sea: *Kelly Kearney (AFSC)*
 - b. Application of HCRs under snow crab population decline: *Cody Szuwalski (AFSC)*
 - c. Stock recruitment influence on HCRs: *Paul Spencer (AFSC)*
 - d. Determining productivity related to EBS Pollock: *Jim Ianelli (AFSC)*
 - e. Pacific Sardine HCR: *Chris Free (UCSB)*
6. Questions and panel discussion on Session 2

Session 3:

7. Cap discussion
 - a. GOACLIM 2 modeling tools for exploring HCRs: *Carey McGilliard (AFSC)*
 - b. Overview of analyzing OY cap in GOA: *Alberto Rovellini (UW)*
 - c. Methodology on TAC modeling to explore cap alternatives: *Alberto Rovellini (UW) and Jim Ianelli (AFSC)*
8. Questions and panel discussion on Session 3

Public comment session

9. Public comment on all sessions

Next steps

10. SSC-only discussion: recommendations on a workplan and terms of reference