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NPFMC Groundfish Plan Team Meeting Draft Agenda

Sept 8-11, 2026, 9am-5pm Pacific time

All times in PST

	Joint Groundfish Plan Teams Traynor Room	BSAI Groundfish Plan Team Traynor Room	GOA Groundfish Plan Team Room 2079
Tues Sep 8th	0900 Introductions, adoption of agenda 0915 Council updates, report writing (Stram, Cleaver) 1000 AFSC assessment updates 1015 Break 1030 ESR Climate Update (ESR Team) 1115 ESP and DSEM Update (Shotwell) <u>1200 Lunch</u> 1330 Longline survey (Siwicke) 1500 HCRs: pollock, Pacific cod and sablefish results, planning for 2026-27 (Stram, Holsman, Zahner/Goethel) 1530 Break 1545 HCRs (cont.)		
Wed Sep 9th	0900 Sablefish (Goethel) 1015 Break 1030 Sablefish (cont.) <u>1215 Lunch</u> 1300 Pacific cod research (Hulson, Barbeaux) 1445 Break 1500 Inseason Management (Whitney, Jahn) 1600 Halibut DMRs (Fey)		
Thu Sep 10th		0900 EBS bottom trawl survey (Stevenson) 0930 EBS Acoustic trawl-EBS (McCarthy) 1015 Break 1030 EBS Pollock (Ianelli) <u>1200 Lunch</u> 1300 Greenland turbot (Bryan) 1400 Yellowfin sole (Spies, Bryan) 1500 Break 1515 AI bottom trawl survey (McDermott) 1600 EBS cod (Barbeaux)	0900 <u>Arrowtooth & ESP</u> (Shotwell, Adams) 1015 Break 1030 <u>Skates, BRDs</u> (Cronin-Fine) 1130 <u>Harvest Projections*</u> <u>1200 Lunch</u> 1300 Shelikof winter Acoustic-trawl survey (McKelvey) 1330 GOA pollock (Monnahan) 1445 Break 1500 GOA DSR (Lambert)
Fri Sep 11th		0900 <u>Bogoslof pollock</u> (Ianelli) 0930 <u>Harvest projections*</u> 1100 Proposed Harvest Specifications (Whitney) <u>1200 Lunch</u> 1300 Summary (Bogoslof) and report writing 1600 Adjourn	0900 <u>Rex sole</u> (McGilliard) 1030 Break 1045 Thornyheads, BRDs (Siwicke) 1145 Discussion of BRDs for Nov. (Cleaver) <u>1200 Lunch</u> 1300 Proposed Harvest Specifications (Jahn) 1330 Report writing, Draft SAFE Intro summaries 1600 Adjourn

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public. Underlined stocks or stock complexes are those for which final ABC/OFL recommendations are occurring at this meeting, rather than in November. **Bold** indicates stocks or stock complexes for which a full operational assessment is scheduled this year. *Harvest projections: BSAI Northern rock sole, AI pollock, BSAI Kamchatka flounder, BSAI Northern rockfish, BSAI Alaska plaice, BSAI Arrowtooth flounder, BSAI flathead sole. GOA dusky rockfish, GOA flathead sole, GOA shallow water flatfish (incl. n/s rock sole), GOA deep water flatfish. See [here](#) for a description of stock assessment product definitions.

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
AI	Aleutian Islands	LLP	License Limitation Program
AP	Advisory Panel	MSE	Management Strategy Evaluation
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
AVO	Acoustic Vessel-of-Opportunity	MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount
BS	Bering Sea	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	mt, t	Metric tons
BTS	Bottom trawl survey	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CIE	Center for Independent Experts	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
DSEM	Dynamic Structural Equation Modeling		
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	OY	Optimum Yield
EBS	Eastern Bering Sea	PEEC	Preview of Economic and Ecosystem Considerations
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
EFP	Exempted Fishing Permit	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
ESP	Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profile	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
ESR	Ecosystem Status Report	USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
HCR	Harvest Control Rule		
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota		
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		