

# C1 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report: Pacific cod

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# GOA Groundfish Plan Team- met January 21, 2026

In conjunction with Joint GFPT HCR meeting

➤ GOA Groundfish PT agenda items:

- GOA abbreviated ESR (Bridget Ferriss): (no formal recommendations, see report)
- GOA Pacific cod ESP update (Kalei Shotwell): (no formal recommendations, see report)
- GOA Pacific cod assessment (Pete Hulson): **recommendations** (next slide)

➤ Future meetings:

- September 21-25, 2026 (tentative)
- November 16-20, 2026 (tentative).
- Dates will be confirmed after February Council meeting.



# GOA GFPT Report: GOA Pacific cod assessment

## The Team:

- Discussed projected near-term decline in SSB followed by increase:
  - Minor effect on 2026/2027 ABCs
  - Carry-over of poor recruitment followed by “mean expected”
- **Concurred with authors for model and OFLs and ABCs**
  - Model 24.0, maximum permissible from FMP
- **Recommended:**
  - Evaluating projections using recent vs long-term recruitment estimates (as done previously)

*Commendations to the authors for work completed on shortened timeline and out-of-cycle*

