

Operational full vs update assessments

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Operational full vs update assessment - groundfish

- AFSC Groundfish Stock Assessment Definitions for NPFMC presented to SSC in Dec. 2023; revised guidelines posted to Council website ([doc](#); March 2025)
- Translates national guidance (NOAA Tech Memo [NMFS-F/SPO-183](#) (2018))
- Defines types of groundfish stock assessment products used by the NPFMC

Product types:

- Operational full assessment
- Operational update assessment
- Research assessment
- Harvest projection
- Catch report

Tier \ Definition	Full	Update	Harvest Projection	Catch Report
1 - 3	New age structured model and data	Previously reviewed and accepted age structured model	Previously reviewed and accepted age structured model projection	Catch report
4-5	New REMA or alternative	Previously reviewed and accepted REMA	NA	Catch report
6	New catch history	Catch history	NA	Catch report

From Groundfish Stock Assessment Definitions [document](#)



Operational full vs update assessment – crab?

The SSC continues to recommend that the CPT consider whether there is value in defining full and update assessments. (June 2025 [SSC Report](#))

CPT considerations:

- Is there value in these types of definitions for crab?
- If so, what recommendations does the CPT have?
- Does assessment timing (e.g., annual, biennial, triennial) make a difference?
- Are there operational crab assessments that are essentially 'update' assessments already?
- Who are the recommendations to? Who will produce the guidelines?

