



C3 Contextual Information Supporting Groundfish Harvest Specifications

December 2025 Council meeting - POSTPONED

Update- see footnotes for 12/1/25 updates

This agenda item was originally planned to organize multiple products that provide relevant context to inform the groundfish harvest specifications process under a single agenda item. This includes both existing information that has historically been presented during separate agenda items at the December meeting as well as new or updated products that have not previously been included on the December agenda. This new organization was intended to be a pilot approach for 2025, to present a variety of information relevant to harvest specifications in a more logical and efficient format. Due to the lapse in Federal appropriations from October 1 - November 12, 2025, the products that were intended to be included under this item are not available. More details regarding what information is available for December, and when and where more updated information will be available for each sub-item, is below.

BSAI and GOA year-end Inseason Management Reports

Historically, year-end Inseason Management Reports have been presented to the Council during the December meeting as part of the B2 NMFS Management report. Previous reports can be found [here](#). NMFS is planning to complete a 2025 annual Inseason Management Report but it will not be available until early 2026. In lieu of a complete year-end report, NMFS will provide any Inseason Management updates since the October meeting in the December B2 report.

Ecosystem Status Reports (ESRs)

ESRs for the Eastern Bering Sea, the Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska have historically been presented during the BSAI and GOA groundfish harvest specifications agenda items. Prior year ESRs can be found [here](#). Although complete 2025 ESRs are not available at this time, an ESR preview that was prepared for the September Groundfish Plan Teams will be presented under C4.¹ The Alaska Fisheries Science Center is in the process of determining if 2025 ESRs will be completed and if so, when they will be available.

Economic and Community Indicator Reports

The Economic and Community Indicator Reports include relevant information from the Economic Status Report for Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (Groundfish Econ SAFE) and the Annual Community Engagement and Participation Overview (ACEPO). Although the ideal timing to present this information is during the December meeting along with the groundfish harvest specifications, due to limited agenda time, these products have not been presented since 2023, and prior to that, were presented at the February or April meetings. The most recent versions of the groundfish Econ SAFE and the ACEPO are located on the [Human Dimensions of Fisheries Data Explorer](#) and an unreviewed 2025 groundfish Econ SAFE will be posted to the Data Explorer in the coming weeks.² The SSC may schedule presentations of these reports at a future meeting as part of the ongoing process to improve the availability of socio-economic information for harvest specifications.

¹ There will be no ESR presentation under C4

² An unreviewed, preliminary 2025 Groundfish Economic SAFE is posted [here](#)