NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SSC workshop - Harvest Control Rules 6/4/2025
June 2-4, 2025

SSC Workshop, June 4, 2025, Best Western Agate Beach, Newport, Oregon; 8am-12pm Pacific Time (PT)

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447244104?pwd=GKWFQoRx8bvbqFluaDQ7btbBD929tR.1

This workshop is being held as part of the June 2025 SSC meeting (Item D6 on the June 2025 agenda), 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). The intended outcome is for the SSC 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.

Related meetings: Council and Advisory Panel - June 2025 AGENDA; SSC main meeting - June 2025 AGENDA

Written public comment
Please submit all written comments here in advance of the workshop

Schedule and Introductions
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Welcome and introductions

Session 1 - Overview and ongoing work
Workshop objectives, current groundfish and crab Tiers, HCRs, and flexibility under the FMPs
HCR considerations and simulations to date under ACLIM/GOACLIM and related work
Questions and panel discussion on Session 1

Session 2 - Issue-specific 'lightning talks'
Series of lightning talks: MOM6 projections; HCR issues related to snow crab, pollock, Pacific sardine
Questions and panel discussion on Session 2

Session 3 - Optimum Yield (OY) caps
Presentations on OY cap modeling
Questions and panel discussion on Session 3

Public testimony and SSC deliberation
In-meeting public testimony on all sessions
SSC-only discussion: recommendations on a workplan and terms of reference