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DATE: July 31, 2013
 MEMORANDUM FOR: RACE, ABL, ADF&G and REFM Stock Assessment Authors
 FROM: Anne Hollowed and Phil Rigby
 SUBJECT: Groundfish Stock Assessment Assignments

Assignments for the 2013 groundfish assessment drafts leading to the SAFE report appear below. **The 2013 Groundfish Plan Team meetings are scheduled for September 10-13 and November 18–22.** New analytical methods or procedural modifications should be submitted as changes to a preliminary SAFE chapter at the September meeting. The draft agenda for the first meeting has been distributed.

The deadline for in-house review of documents for the September Plan Team meeting is August 26, 2013. Documents will be reviewed and processed the week of August 26 and posted September 3, 2013

Authors should evaluate their ecosystem sections and make requests for analyses to the food habits group (Kerim Aydin) for assistance as appropriate, preferably within the next few weeks. Their resources for developing analyses will be limited so the earlier the requests are submitted, the better.

Final documents should be prepared for the November meeting (November 18-22). **The deadline for in-house review of documents for the November Team meeting is October 30, 2013.** Documents are due for processing by COB November 6, 2013. Documents will be posted November 12, 2013.

Assignments and follow up guidance will be distributed to in-house reviewers to insure timely reviews and return of drafts to authors.

When preparing your document, please follow the groundfish SAFE guidelines.

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Assignments

Stock	Lead Author	Full assessment?
Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands		
Eastern Bering Sea pollock	Ianelli	Yes*
Bogoslof Island pollock	Ianelli	No
Aleutian Islands pollock	Barbeaux	Yes
Eastern Bering Sea Pacific cod	Thompson	Yes*
Aleutian Islands Pacific cod	Thompson	Yes*
Sablefish	Hanselman	Yes
Yellowfin sole	Wilderbuer	Yes
Greenland Turbot	Barbeaux	Yes
Arrowtooth flounder	Spies	No
Kamchatka flounder	Wilderbuer	Yes*
Northern rock sole	Wilderbuer	Yes
Flathead sole	McGilliard	No
Alaska plaice	Wilderbuer	No
Other flatfish	Wilderbuer	No
Pacific ocean perch	Spencer	No
Northern rockfish	Spencer	No
Rougheye & blackspotted rockfish	Spencer	No
Shortraker rockfish	Spencer	No
Other rockfish	Spies	No
Atka mackerel	Lowe	Yes
Squid	Ormseth	No
Skates	Ormseth	No
Sharks	Tribuzio	No
Octopus	Conners	No
Sculpins	Spies	No
Forage fish	Ormseth	Yes*
Gulf of Alaska		
Pollock	Dorn	Yes*
Pacific cod	A'mar	Yes*
Sablefish	Hanselman	Yes
Shallow water flatfish	Turnock	Yes
Northern and southern rock sole	A'mar	Yes*
Deepwater flatfish (Dover)	McGilliard	Yes*
Rex sole	McGilliard	Yes*
Arrowtooth flounder	Spies	Yes
Flathead sole	McGilliard	Yes*
Pacific ocean perch	Hanselman	Yes
Northern rockfish	Hulson	Yes
Shortraker rockfish	Echave	Yes
Other rockfish (formerly Other Sl. Rk.)	Tribuzio	Yes
Rougheye & blackspotted rockfish	Shotwell	Yes
Dusky rockfish	Lunsford	Yes
Demersal shelf rockfish	Green	Yes
Thornyheads	Shotwell	Yes
Atka mackerel	Lowe	Yes
Skates	Ormseth	Yes
Octopus	Conners	Yes*
Sculpins	Spies	Yes
Sharks	Tribuzio	Yes
Squid	Ormseth	Yes
Forage species	Ormseth	No
Grenadier (GOA & BSAI)	Rodgveller	Yes

*Expected to be presented in September (either as an update or full assessment)

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NOTE: Lead authors are requested to coordinate with co-authors directly. If there are changes from last year's, assessment, please notify Anne and Phil.