

2025 ICES Workshop WKUSER3

Unavoidable survey effort reduction #3



The ICES Working Group on Improving use of Survey Data for Assessment and Advice (WGISDAA) invites survey and stock assessment scientists to participate in the third workshop on unavoidable survey effort reduction (WKUSER3). The workshop will investigate challenges to maintaining consistent time series of survey data products for stock assessment models in the face of unavoidable changes to surveys caused by disruption to budgets, changes in marine ecosystems, increased human activities in and around survey areas, and development of new survey technologies and statistical methods. The previous workshops WKUSER1 (2020) and WKUSER2 (2022) identified that such changes are affecting many monitoring agencies, and more coherent planning and a long-term response strategy (roadmap) for adapting surveys to new conditions is desirable. WKUSER3 will focus on providing advice on how to implement changes to long standing surveys while minimizing impact on stock assessment and fisheries management and to facilitate better contingency planning and the ability to convey the likely consequences to assessment scientists and policy makers.

We welcome contributions that highlight advances and challenges related to the following topics associated with implementing changes to surveys and/or developing future surveys:

- **Preparation for change.** Assessing necessity for change. Planning. Assessment of needed resources (money, time, and people). Existing knowledge. Assessment of the need for collaboration (scientists and stakeholders). Filling knowledge gaps – conducting research.
- **Testing and evaluation methods** of new survey designs, sampling methods, and data products.
- **Transition from old to new time series** in production of survey data products and in stock assessments.
- **Tools and technology development.** Review new technologies and sampling methods that can complement or replace existing surveys

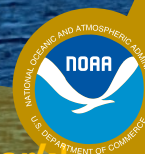
The contributions are encouraged but not required to participate in the workshop. We are looking for survey and assessment scientists along with monitoring program managers and stakeholders who can contribute to the topics above. To express interest in participation please contact Kotaro Ono. With questions feel free to contact any of the WKUSER3 chairs listed below.

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