

The image features four northern cod fish arranged horizontally on a weathered wooden plank background. The fish are shown from a side profile, facing right. They have a mottled brown and grey pattern on their upper bodies and a lighter, silvery-grey underbelly. Their eyes are prominent and reddish-brown. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Northern cod Precautionary Approach Working Group

November 29, 2024

Agenda

- 1. Welcome/ Opening Remarks**
- 2. Working Group Activities to date**
- 3. Review of draft Terms of Reference**
- 4. Review of Northern Cod Science**
- 5. Overview of the Precautionary Framework**
- 6. Initial Discussion on Upper Stock Reference Point**
- 7. Next Steps**

Recap of Working Group Activities

March 2, 2023

- Initiated Working Group and work towards updating 2020 Northern cod Rebuilding Plan

July 25, 2023

- Probable Cause of Stock Decline/Factors Limiting Rebuilding and Socioeconomic Considerations

September 19, 2023

- Overview of the purpose and intent for this framework path forward for the rebuilding plan

October 16-20, 2023

- Northern cod Assessment Framework (CSAS process)

November 16, 2023

- Refocus the objectives of the Working Group to discuss potential components of a Precautionary Approach Framework for Northern Cod

March 18-21, 2024

- Stock Assessment of 2J3KL Northern cod (CSAS process)

Draft Terms of Reference

Purpose

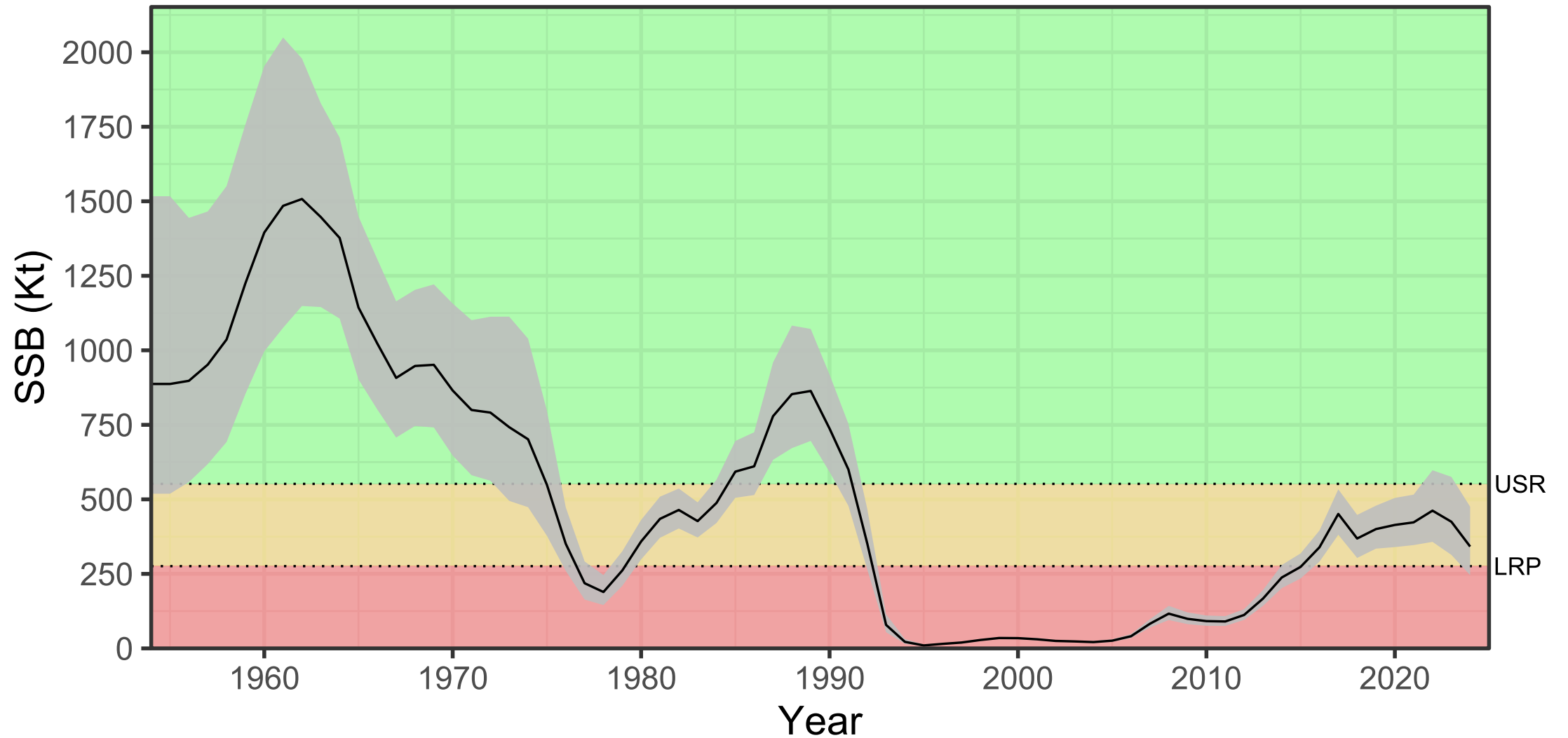
The purpose of the Working Group is to develop proposed elements to include in a PAF for Northern cod, for consideration by DFO. The elements of a PAF will be developed in accordance with DFO's [*Fishery Decision-Making Framework Incorporating the Precautionary Approach*](#).

Objective of the Working Group

The objective of the Working Group is to provide input to DFO on the following elements that will be included in the PAF for Northern Cod:

- Upper Stock Reference Point;
- Objectives;
- Management measures to support meeting the objectives (i.e. harvest decision rules);
- Method for monitoring progress towards objectives;
- Timeline for periodic review of the PAF to measure progress towards the objectives and determine if adjustments to the plan are required.

Candidate USR (80% Bmsy)



Proposed Work Plan

Key Task/Deliverable	Proposed Timeline
WG Meeting #2	Date to determined (January 2025?)
DFO present possible approach for Upper Stock Reference; WG members have opportunity present their proposals for USR (submitted in advance of meeting).	
WG Meeting #3	Date TBD
Continue to discuss proposed USR and finalize recommendation if possible.	
Discuss proposed objectives presented by DFO and WG members.	
WG Meeting #4	Date TBD
Continue to discuss proposed objectives and finalize recommendation if possible.	
Develop proposed method to track progress in achieving objectives, proposed review period, and exceptional circumstances protocol.	
Begin discussions about possible Harvest Decision Rules	
WG Meeting #5	Date TBD
Review proposed Harvest Decision Rules and finalize recommendation.	
Further WG Meetings as needed	Dates TBD

Thank you