

Thorny skate in Divisions 3LNO and Subdivision 3Ps

Advice June 2026 for 2027 and beyond

Recommendation for 2027 and beyond

The Scientific Council is unable to carry out a full assessment or an Interim Monitoring Report for this stock due to the lack of a Designated Expert. Updated advice for thorny skate in Divs. 3LNOPs cannot be provided at this time. In the absence of new science advice, Scientific Council recommends increased precaution in the management of this stock until an assessment can be conducted.

During the 2025 Annual meeting, the Commission requested that in June 2026, advice should be provided for 2027-2028 for Divs. 3LNO thorny skate. The Designated Expert position for this stock has been vacant since 2025. The lack of a Designated Expert for this stock prevented the Scientific Council from being able to carry out a full assessment or an Interim Monitoring Report. This situation will persist until a DE is appointed.

The relevant data for this stock can be found in previous Scientific Council reports, in the National Research Reports for the year 2025, and in the survey SCRs.