

UPDATE ON SARDINE STOCK ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Situation: In June of 2002, the Council initiated preparation for a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Workshop for coastal pelagic species (CPS). The CPS STAR Panel is tentatively scheduled for September 2003. The assessment models used for Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel will be the focus of the 2003 CPS STAR Panel.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will present draft Terms of Reference for the CPS STAR process. Based upon its review of the Terms of Reference, the Council could consider tentative approval of the Terms of Reference and request they be forwarded to the CPS Management Team and CPS Advisory Subpanel for their review. Final approval of the Terms of Reference could be scheduled for the April 2003 Council meeting.

Council Action:

1. Consider Approving Terms of Reference.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit I.3.b, Supplemental SSC Report – Draft CPS STAR Terms of Reference.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Approving Terms of Reference

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