

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES STOCK ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Situation: In March 2003, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) presented draft Terms of Reference for a coastal pelagic species (CPS) stock assessment review (STAR) process. The Council preliminarily adopted the Terms of Reference pending CPS Management Team and CPS Advisory Subpanel review.

At this meeting, the Management Team and Advisory Subpanel will report to the Council on the Terms of Reference. The Council is scheduled to consider final adoption of the Terms of Reference.

Per the SSC's March 2003 report, timing of the STAR workshop faces two constraints: use of mackerel assessments at June Council meetings and use of sardine assessments at November Council meetings. The SSC considered two proposals for the timing of the STAR workshop: September 2003 and May 2004. The SSC recommended May 2004, advantages of a May 2004 workshop include having results from both mackerel and sardine assessments available in time for the management process in 2004.

Council Action:

1. Consider approving Terms of Reference.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit I.3, Attachment 1 – Preliminary CPS STAR Terms of Reference.

Agenda Order:

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

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