

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM STATEMENT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team recommends the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) postpone the scheduled review of Amendment 11 to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan, *Allocation of the Pacific Sardine Harvest Guideline*, from the November 2008 Council meeting to the June 2009 Council meeting.

The reasons for the postponement are:

- This year represents the first year in which the directed Pacific sardine fishery has been closed under the Amendment 11 allocation formula. Harvest guidelines for the 2006 and 2007 fisheries were adequate to allow unrestricted landings on a coast wide basis throughout those two years. Although the lack of inseason fishery restrictions in 2006 and 2007 demonstrates successful attainment of some Amendment 11 objectives (i.e., equitable harvest opportunity with no geographic fishery closures), the analysis of Amendment 11 would benefit from inclusion of the results from the restricted 2008 fishery in its entirety.
- An ongoing economic survey of the Pacific sardine industry could result in additional economic data that would prove valuable in the analysis of Amendment 11. These data will not be compiled until later this year.

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