

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE STOCK
ASSESSMENT REVIEW (STAR) PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2009

Mr. Mike Burner reviewed the amended language in the *Terms of Reference for a Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Review Process* (Agenda Item C.1.b, Attachment 1) including the language that provides greater flexibility to the stock assessment team (STAT) and the assessment reviewers for stock assessment updates. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) appreciates and is supportive of these changes.

Dr. Nancy Lo reviewed plans for STAR Panel membership. The CPSAS is supportive of having one representative identified by the Center of Independent Experts (CIE) and two external reviewers identified by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and the Scientific and Statistical Committee. It is anticipated that the STAR Panel representation will include adequate expertise on coastal pelagic species, stock assessments, and survey design.

CPSAS Vice Chair Mike Okoniewski will represent the CPSAS at both CPS STAR Panels in 2009. In the event that Vice Chair Okoniewski is unable to attend a STAR Panel, Ms. Diane Pleschner-Steele will serve as an alternate.

Given the limited indices of abundance for Pacific sardine, the CPSAS recommends that indices of abundance developed by Canada be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Pacific sardine full assessment and be reviewed during the May 2009 STAR Panel. Further the CPSAS recommends that the STAT conduct an exhaustive search for other appropriate data sources for inclusion in the full assessment of Pacific sardine.

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