

## FINALIZE METHODOLOGY REVIEW COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COP)

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering a new Council Operating Procedure (COP 26) that formalizes the process and schedule for methodology reviews that inform Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) science and management (Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1). The Council first considered a draft COP 26 (then numbered COP 24) at its November 2013 meeting. The COP includes details guiding the proposal and review of new methodologies, as well as existing methodologies that would benefit from a new technical review. COP 26 also describes the roles and responsibilities of participants, and provides a schedule for methodology reviews. The joint Terms of Reference for the Methodology Review Process for Groundfish and CPS provides further details regarding expectations of participants, and an outline of the methodology review panel (MRP) report.

The Council should consider approving COP 26, for inclusion in the Council's list of COPs.

### **Council Action:**

**Adopt a process and schedule for CPS methodology reviews as a Council Operating Procedure.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1: Draft Council Operating Procedure 26.

### **Agenda Order:**

- G.1 Finalize Methodology Review Council Operating Procedures Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Coastal Pelagic Species Methodology Review Process COP