

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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) met via webinar on May 31, 2017, and discussed, among other items, upcoming workload priorities. The CPSMT offers the following comments.

Acoustic-trawl Survey Terms of Reference

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) acoustic-trawl method (ATM) survey is scheduled for a methodology review January 31-February 2, 2018. The CPSMT intends to consider a draft terms of reference (ToR) for the methodology review during a public webinar on August 16th, 2017. The ToR will then be considered for approval by the Council at its September meeting.

Northern Anchovy Assessment and Monitored Stock Topics

In November 2016, the Council tasked the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), CPSMT, and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel to continue work developing an integrated stock assessment and procedures for setting and updating overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catch, and developing a minimum stock size threshold for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CSNA). At the April 2017 Council meeting, a joint SSC/CPSMT report (Agenda Item G.2.a, SSC/CPSMT Report, April 2017) was presented on potential approaches to develop a new OFL for the CSNA. The CPSMT plans to use both the August 16 webinar and an October team meeting to continue to explore procedural changes for setting and updating monitored management approaches and to assist the SSC with any necessary technical analyses to support further evaluation of options and use for OFL development for northern anchovy.

Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Housekeeping Updates

The CPS FMP is in need of some housekeeping updates, to be consistent with past amendments and to clarify some language. The CPSMT proposes to develop those housekeeping changes for Council consideration at a future meeting. The August 16 webinar and October team meeting will be opportunities to review these updates and develop a revised CPS FMP.

New Small Scale CPS Fisheries

At the April 2017 meeting, the Council adopted CPS FMP Plan Amendment 16 allowing for small-scale directed fishing on CPS finfish stocks that are otherwise closed to directed fishing. The Council asked the CPSMT for an update on landings that fall under this category at a future meeting. The CPSMT will propose a date for this update after the FMP amendment and associated regulations have been implemented.