

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

Issues brought up during Agenda Items E.1.c NMFS Report, and E.3 Methodology Preliminary Topic Selection and Review Process.

The Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) recognizes the need for updated assessment information on Coastal Pelagic Species stocks such as the northern anchovy northern subpopulation, the northern anchovy central subpopulation and jack mackerel off the west coast. The SWFSC will produce a “white paper” of the use of data-poor assessment methods similar to protocols for groundfish identified in Appendix E of the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Review Process for 2015-2016 and submit it to the SSC for review prior to the November 2016 Council meeting.

Under the CPS methodology review agenda item, there was a discussion of coordination between the NOAA ATM CPS survey and aerial survey flights in order to make better comparisons between methodologies. The SWFSC notes that a formal review of the PNW Aerial Survey has been requested by the SSC and that ship time could be dedicated to this comparison during the summer of 2016 when the biennial sardine and hake (SaKe) survey will be working on methods research instead of doing a full synoptic survey which is scheduled for the summer of 2015.