

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY TOPIC SELECTION AND REVIEW PROCESS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) met jointly and heard a presentation from Kirk Lynn, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), regarding the aerial survey of the Southern California Bight conducted collaboratively with the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA). CDFW and CWPA submitted a proposal for this survey to be considered for a methodology review, with the potential for the survey to be incorporated into future Pacific sardine stock assessments. Mr. Lynn pointed out the intent of the survey is to develop an index of abundance, and potentially of recruitment for sardine, as well as other CPS in the future.

The CPSAS supports this aerial survey, as well as a continuation of the Northwest aerial survey, and recommends both for inclusion in a methods review, in spring 2014. The CPSAS notes the importance of including multiple indices of abundance to improve stock assessments. In addition, the CPSAS believes that the acoustic trawl survey now conducted for sardine and other CPS should be included in a methods review.

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