

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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) discussed the calendar for Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels tentatively planned for 2011. The CPSMT and Stock Assessment Team (STAT) leads are currently working under the assumption that full STAR Panels will be held during May 2011 for Pacific mackerel and September 2011 for Pacific sardine. Dr. Kevin Hill (Southwest Fisheries Science Center [SWFSC], sardine STAT lead) discussed the need to review existing survey data for potential addition to the 2011 sardine assessment, most notably: 1) acoustic data from the SWFSC coastwide surveys conducted during 2006, 2008, and 2010; 2) the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (CDFO) swept area trawl surveys conducted off Vancouver Island for the past decade. Dr. Hill expressed the STAT's and SWFSC's desire to review the acoustic survey methodology during the first quarter of 2011 so that Panel recommendations may be considered for improving the SFWSC's April 2011 survey. If a survey methodology review is planned for the first quarter of 2011, then a Terms of Reference (TOR) for the review would need to be drafted by the Scientific and Statistical Committee and approved by Council during their September and November 2010 meetings. TORs for the mackerel and sardine assessment STARS could be reviewed concurrently to the survey methodology TOR. The CPSMT requests that the Council consider planning for a sardine survey methodology review during the first quarter of 2011.

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