

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) discussed the Catch Shares Workshop held by NMFS Southwest Region and Southwest Fisheries Science Center in San Francisco in February of this year.

We believe the NMFS Report (Agenda Item H.1.a) correctly describes the “undercurrent of resistance” aspect which pervaded the conference amongst industry members.

Several comments were:

- “If is not broken, why fix it?”
- “The other nations that are represented are almost entirely vertically integrated. Processors most often own the fleet and the quota. Are these foreign harvest and processing infrastructures comparable to our own?”
- “What is the cost?”

The CPSAS does not endorse a Catch Share based program for Pacific sardine. We believe there are other management measures that are better suited to address any present or future management issues.

We believe that if there is money available for a Sardine Catch Share program it would be better spent to support research.

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