

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) reviewed Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report, regarding suggestions on how the Council may proceed to establish maximum sustainable yield (MSY) or a proxy for the northern subpopulation of northern anchovy. According to the NMFS report, both the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) previously highlighted the limited amount of data available to estimate biomass and productivity for this subpopulation of anchovy. Given this subpopulation is lightly fished and data is limited, the CPSAS supports adopting an  $F_{msy}$  of 0.30 as proposed by NMFS.

As presented, this value represents the best available science and is consistent with the  $F_{msy}$  value used by the SSC to recommend an overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the northern subpopulation of northern anchovy at the November 2010 Council meeting. The CPSAS would also like to reiterate the SSC's recommendation that the OFL and ABC for the stock be updated when new information becomes available.

Regarding the mechanism by which the Council should implement MSY for this subpopulation of northern anchovy, it is our understanding that the Council is not under a specific or court mandated timeframe to implement this change. The CPSAS would be supportive of including this action with other proposed specifications for monitored stocks during the summer of 2013, but would also support utilizing another mechanism that may better suit the current workload and agenda of the Council.