

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
SARDINE FISHERY START DATE AND MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) engaged in further discussion on shifting the sardine fishery start date (Agenda Item I.3.b.), to address concerns voiced by a representative of the Northwest sardine fishery about the potential for foregone catches if the season start date is changed to July 1.

After further reviewing the potential benefits of changing the start date to July 1 to provide more time for surveys to be conducted and for data to be analyzed, versus the potential harvest opportunity foregone, consensus was reached amongst industry representatives and CPSAS members to reaffirm the CPSAS's April Council statement unanimously supporting the season start date change (Agenda Item I.2.b, Supplemental CPSAS Report, April 2013).

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