

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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) supports methodology reviews of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) Acoustic-Trawl (A-T) survey and the Northwest Sardine Survey (NWSS). Other surveys approved by the Council for review could potentially be reviewed concurrently.

The CPSMT also supports the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) request to the survey principals for a formal, point-by-point response the list of potential items that were requested of the lead scientists of the A-T and NWSS surveys. This will give an indication of whether and when sufficient information would be available in order to conduct the reviews.

Finally, the CPSMT understands that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-sponsored joint sardine-hake survey will undergo a review in early 2014, and suggests that a detailed review of A-T methodology could be reviewed at the same time.

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