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**DRAFT: COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**Management and Activity Cycles**

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**SCHEDULE 3. ~~Annual m~~Management cycles and activities related to coastal pelagic species management.**

Month	Entity and Management Activity
<b>PACIFIC MACKEREL</b>	
Pacific mackerel assessments will be conducted on a rotating cycle. Every four years, a full assessment is conducted, and in the intervening four years an update assessment is conducted. Annual specifications are set on a biennial basis. In assessment years (either full or update), the following schedule will be followed:	
April	<i>Assessment authors</i> prepare draft assessment documents.
May	<i>Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT), Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS), and public</i> review draft assessments, executive summaries, and recommended harvest guidelines.
June	<i>Assessment authors</i> submit final assessments, executive summaries, and recommended harvest guidelines to Council staff for inclusion in June Council meeting briefing book.  <i>SSC</i> reviews assessments, executive summaries, and recommended harvest guidelines.  <i>Council</i> adopts annual harvest level specifications and management measures.  <i>U.S. Department of Commerce</i> implements annual harvest level specifications and management measures. Pacific mackerel season opens July 1.
<u>March</u>	<u><i>Council</i> may consider inseason action to transfer unused incidental set-aside to the directed fishery.</u>
<b>PACIFIC SARDINE</b>	
February	<i>Assessment authors</i> prepare draft assessment documents.

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March	<i>CPSMT, CPSAS, and public</i> review draft assessment, executive summary, and recommended harvest guideline.
April	<p><i>SSC</i> reviews assessment, executive summary, and recommended harvest guideline.</p> <p><i>Council</i> adopts annual harvest level specification and management measures. <u>Annual harvest level specifications for Pacific mackerel are adopted for two consecutive fishing years. Harvest specifications for monitored stocks are adopted per the CPS FMP</u></p> <p><i>U.S. Department of Commerce</i> implements annual harvest level specification and management measures <u>for two consecutive years.</u> Pacific sardine season opens July 1.</p>

**MONITORED SPECIES**

The CPS FMP characterizes monitored stock management as tracking trends in landings, and qualitative comparison to available abundance data, but without periodic stock assessments or periodic adjustments to target harvest levels. After harvest specifications have been established, they will remain in place until the Council takes action to adjust the harvest specifications, or to move a monitored species to active management. If the Council wishes to adjust harvest level specifications or management measures, the process will follow that for Pacific mackerel and Pacific sardine. Assessment authors will present a draft stock assessment in advance of a review by the CPSMT, CPSAS, and the public. Final assessments and recommended harvest specifications and management measures will be included in the appropriate briefing book, for review by the SSC. The Council adopts final specifications, and the U.S. Department of Commerce implements the harvest specifications and management measures.

NOTE: The Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document for coastal pelagic species will be prepared and presented in two sections. The main section will be submitted at the June Council meeting. This portion of the SAFE will include the annual Pacific mackerel and Pacific sardine assessments, evaluation of the fisheries based on the calendar year, and the status of monitored species. The second (supplemental) section will include any relevant information regarding the status of the CPS fisheries. The supplemental section, when compiled, will be presented at the November Council meeting.

~~The coastal pelagic species management cycle does not provide for inseason changes to management specifications that are specified at the beginning of the season and/or in the fishery management plan except through emergency action.~~