

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FMP AMENDMENT 9: BYCATCH, SQUID MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE  
YIELD, TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) has discussed proposed changes to Amendment 9 regarding bycatch, squid maximum sustainable yield (MSY), and tribal fishing rights language. The CPSAS has the following recommendations:

1. Bycatch: The CPSAS voted unanimously to support option 3 (recommend dockside monitoring programs) and option 4 (evaluate the use of grates). The CPSAS was evenly divided on option 2 (recommending observers on all new fisheries north of Pigeon Point).
2. Squid MSY: The CPSAS voted unanimously to defer establishing an MSY for squid until the State of California completes their ongoing research.
3. Tribal Treaty Fishing Rights Language: The CPSAS voted unanimously to include language in Amendment 9 regarding tribal treaty rights that mirrors the language adopted by the Council for Amendment 11 to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. The language is attached.

The CPSAS also discussed extending term limits for advisory panel members which comes up later today on the agenda. The CPSAS supports extending term limits from two years to three years.