

**COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
LIMITED ENTRY FISHERY - CAPACITY GOAL AND OTHER ISSUES**

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel heard a presentation from Dr. Sam Herrick, National Marine Fisheries Service, and reviewed a corresponding report by Dr. Herrick, entitled "Assessing Fleet Harvesting Capacity in the Pacific Coast Coastal Pelagics Species Finfish Fishery."

The CPSAS wishes to remind the Council that the sardine fishery does not operate independently. Several other factors must be considered when attempting to identify an optimum fleet size or goal for the CPS fishery. These other factors include, but are not limited to domestic and international markets, and the availability of other coastal pelagic species, such as squid.

The CPSAS continues to support extending the transfer period for limited entry finfish permits past December 31st, 2000.