

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
AMENDMENT 10 TO THE COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) met Wednesday to discuss portions of Amendment 10 to the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). There were two issues to consider: 1) options for a market squid maximum sustainable yield (MSY) proxy, and 2) options for limited entry permit transfer and issuance. The CPSAS support the following:

1. Market Squid MSY Proxy

The CPSAS voted unanimously that the suite of four options presented by the CPS Management Team (CPSMT) to determine an MSY proxy for market squid is sufficient to proceed for public review.

The majority of the CPSAS (7 of 8) voted to accept and support the Egg Escapement Approach presented by the CPSMT in its entirety as the CPSAS's preferred option. A minority of the CPSAS supports all aspects of the Egg Escapement Approach, but is concerned that the 30% threshold identified by the CPSMT may not be appropriate and should be higher.

2. Limited Entry Permit Transfer and Issuance

The CPSAS heard a presentation from the CPSMT on the options being considered for limited entry permit transfers. The CPSMT agreed to consider two additional options for permit transfer presented by the CPSAS. The CPSAS voted unanimously to support the suite of options moving forward for public review.

The CPSAS also heard options for issuing new permits in the limited entry fishery if the situation becomes necessary in the future. The CPSAS voted unanimously to support the suite of all three options moving forward for public review. The CPSAS voted to support Alternative 2 as their preferred option.