

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL COMMENTS ON  
AMENDMENT 10

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) heard a presentation from Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) Chairman Kevin Hill reviewing the draft document of Amendment 10 to the CPS fishery management plan (FMP). The majority (7 of 8) of the CPSAS agree the draft represents a reasonable range of alternatives for issues relative to limited entry fleet capacity management and an maximum sustainable yield (MSY) control rule for squid. The majority of the CPSAS believe the document is adequate for public review and recommends the Council send out the document for public review and comment.

Minority Report

Although the CPSAS was unanimous in agreeing that a reasonable range of alternatives exists for issues relative to limited entry fleet capacity, the minority opinion believes that for squid MSY, Alternative 4, the preferred alternative needs an additional sub-option. It is proposed that this sub-option use the same model as Alternative 4, but include an egg escapement threshold of 0.4 (40%). This is a reasonable alternative to consider because of (1) the environmental concerns from the rapid increase of its catches, (2) the fisheries propensity to crash during *El Niño* events, (3) its importance to the ecosystem as a prey species, and (4) since 0.4 (40%) is used as the threshold in the Falkland Islands fishery.

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