

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT  
ON PACIFIC MACKEREL STOCK ASSESSMENT AND HARVEST GUIDELINE

The CPSAS heard a report from Dr. Kevin Hill of the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) regarding the Pacific mackerel stock assessment and proposed harvest guideline for the 2002-2003 season.

Based on the most recent information, the CPSMT is recommending a harvest guideline of 12,535 mt for the 2002-2003 season.

Based on this harvest guideline, the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) is recommending a directed fishery for 9,500 mt to begin on July 1, 2002. After the directed fishery quota is reached, the fishery will revert to an incidental catch only fishery. There will be 3,035 mt as a set aside for the incidental fishery and the CPSAS recommends a 40% incidental catch rate when mackerel are landed with other coastal pelagic species.

The CPSAS recommends an inseason review of the mackerel season for the March 2003 Council meeting.

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