

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES STAR PANEL REPORT

A coastal pelagic species (CPS) stock assessment review (STAR) was held Monday, June 21, 2004 through Friday, June 25, 2004. The purpose of the CPS STAR Panel was to review new modeling methods for the assessments of Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel. In their reports, the STAR Panel provides recommendations about use of the new assessment methodologies for developing management recommendations for the 2005 sardine fishery and 2005/2006 Pacific mackerel fishery. Their reports also discuss research and data needs for management of CPS fisheries.

If approved by the Council, the new assessment methodology for Pacific sardine would be used to develop the stock assessment and harvest guideline recommendation for the Council's November 2004 meeting. This harvest guideline would be for the sardine fishery starting January 1, 2005.

If approved by the Council, the new assessment methodology for Pacific mackerel would be used to develop the stock assessment and harvest guideline recommendation for the Council's June 2005 meeting. This harvest guideline would be for the Pacific mackerel fishery starting July 1, 2005.

Mr. Tom Barnes (STAR Panel Chair) will summarize the STAR Panel's findings and recommendations. The Scientific and Statistical Committee, CPS Management Team, and CPS Advisory Subpanel will also provide reports to the Council.

Council Task:

Discussion and guidance.

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum I.2.b, Pacific Mackerel STAR Report
2. Agendum I.2.b, Pacific Sardine STAR Report
3. Agendum I.2.c, CPSMT Report
4. Agendum I.2.c, CPSAS Report
5. Agendum I.2.d, Public Comment
6. Agendum I.2.c, Supplemental SSC Report

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. STAR Panel Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion and Guidance

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