

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COP) DOCUMENT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) reviewed current recommendations for changes to the Council Operating Procedure-2.

The CPSAS unanimously agrees the additional language listed under “termination of members” under number (4) should be eliminated. The CPSAS believes that with the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Chairman’s discretion number (3) is adequate to address any issues or situations that may arise.

The majority of the CPSAS (5 of 7 present) believe the Council should add at least one more seat to the CPSAS representing fishermen from the Pacific Northwest. In addition, the CPSAS agrees that as the fishery changes over time, the Council should have the discretion to add and subtract subpanel members as appropriate. During the next nomination cycle, the Council should encourage active members (fishermen) of the industry to participate on the CPSAS.

A minority of the CPSAS (2 of 7 present) believes representation on the CPSAS should conform with the allocation ratio – as such, the current subpanel make-up is sufficient to provide equitable participation for all sectors.

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