

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) initially heard a summary of the options for controlling krill fishing by Mr. Svein Fougner, NMFS, in late 2004. Yesterday the CPSAS heard a brief update from Mr. Mark Helvey, NMFS, regarding this issue. The CPSAS chose to reiterate their thoughts regarding krill presented to the Council in late 2004:

The CPSAS agrees that krill is critically important to the ecosystem as forage fish for many species. In order to protect krill from the possibility of overharvest, the CPSAS agrees that the Council should explore management measures for regulating development of krill fisheries within the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone.

However, a complete ban on krill fishing may not be appropriate; more information is needed to assess the possibility of fisheries being allowed.

The CPSAS believes there could be some benefit to including krill within the coastal pelagic species fishery management plan (FMP), especially with regard to research opportunities on the complex of species including sardine. However, the CPSAS would recommend that krill be managed under a third category of management rather than as an “active” or “monitored” species. This third category would need to be created.

The CPSAS does not support any delay in the process of the current FMP amendment dealing with sardine allocation.

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