

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Subpanel (CPSAS) received preliminary information from Dr. Sam Herrick regarding the formal review of Amendment 11 to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan regarding the allocation of Pacific sardine that is currently scheduled for the Pacific Fishery Management Council's November 2008 meeting. It was noted that 2008 is the first year the allocation system will be tested under a scenario where low harvest guideline results in premature closure of the fishery. The first seasonal allocation of directed harvest guideline for the period of January 1 – June 30, 2008 has been attained as of May 15, 2008.

The CPSAS agreed with the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team that a more appropriate time for a full review is after the end of the 2008 fishing season when complete information on all fishery sectors will be available, as well as updated biological information on the status of the resource. For those reasons, the CPSAS recommends that the Council postpone the formal review of Amendment 11 until its June 2009 meeting.

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