

**SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENT REVIEW (STAR) PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR 2009**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the revised Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel Terms of Reference for 2009. The revised Terms of Reference provide more flexibility in the completion and review of the CPS stock assessment updates. The SSC recommends making the following change in the last sentence in the Review Format section on page 13 of Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1.

If the review meeting concludes that it is not possible to update the stock assessment, the SSC will consider all of the model runs examined during the review meeting and will provide fishing level recommendations ~~select one as a basis for the harvest guideline to be presented to the CPSMT and the Council.~~

The SSC also recommends the following table, currently in Appendix C, to be a standalone recommendation to guide the 2009 stock assessment process.

Panel	Dates	Goal	Reviewers ^{1/}
1	May 4-8	1. Review Pacific mackerel assessment 2. Review Pacific sardine surveys: (a) Aerial Survey, and (b) Egg Production Survey	5 total (n+4): 2 members of the SSC – Dr. André Punt (Chair), Dr. Owen Hamel, 1 outside reviewer designated by the CIE with stock assessment expertise, 2 outside reviewers – designated by the SSC and the SWFSC with stock assessment and survey expertise.
2	Sept. 21-25	1. Review Pacific sardine assessment	4 total (n+3): 2 members of the SSC – Dr. André Punt (Chair), Dr. Selina Heppell 1 outside reviewer designated by the CIE, 1 outside reviewer – designated by the SSC and the SWFSC.

^{1/} One member of the CPSMT and one member of the CPSAS will attend each panel as advisors.