

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT  
ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT (ACL) REQUIREMENTS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) heard a report by Mr. Mike Burner regarding National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) guidelines on National Standard 1 (NS1) including the implementation of ACLs. The CPSAS agreed that the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) FMP largely complies with the intent of NS1 to prevent overfishing. The CPSAS believes the precautionary approach of the CPS FMP currently provided adequate buffers against overfishing and the CPSAS expressed concerns with the potential for additional and unnecessary precautions that may negatively impact the directed fisheries. The CPSAS agreed that the Council staff proposal on pages 1 and 2 of Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 3 is a good starting point for developing ways to bring the CPS harvest control rules into compliance with the new NS1 guidelines.

In addition to the scoping issues presented in Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 3, the CPSAS identified the following items for the Council to consider during the amendment process:

- Improve accounting for landings in the live bait fishery and other sources of mortality such as release mortality.
- Improve inseason management and accounting through methods such as mandatory daily landings reporting to NMFS and more responsive and flexible fishery opening and closing mechanisms.
- Develop recommendations for bringing prohibited harvest species (krill) into compliance with NS1 while providing for small incidental catches.
- Explore changing the start date of the Pacific sardine fishery from January 1 to July 1 to allow additional time for stock assessment work and the development of new fishery-independent indices of abundance.

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