

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Calendar dated March 23, 2016 (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1, April 2016) and offers the following comments.

Consideration of New Artisanal CPS Fisheries

Under Agenda Item H.1 at this meeting, the Council approved exploration of options to allow small artisanal fisheries under the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan (CPS FMP). To enable small artisanal fisheries to participate in the 2017-18 sardine fishery, final Council action is necessary no later than the November 2016 Council meeting. The CPSMT recommends placing this topic on the September and/or November meetings because it is uncertain at this time whether one or two council meetings will be required to complete potential action. The CPSMT anticipates providing more information about the potential timing of Council consideration of this topic at the Council's June meeting.

Scheduling of Northern Anchovy Assessment and Harvest Management Measure Topics

Anchovy management topics are listed in shaded text for CPS at the September and November meetings. The results of the Anchovy Assessment Workshop report will be presented at the September meeting and the CPSMT understands that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to complete an anchovy stock assessment for the central subpopulation this fall. Given the timing of the results of these activities, the CPSMT considers the proposed schedule for anchovy management topics to be premature and suggests a more feasible schedule, by removing the anchovy management agenda item from September, and placing adoption of the anchovy assessment and consideration of anchovy management options on the November 2016 agenda. Anchovy management measures should be placed on the March or April 2017 agenda.

The CPSMT anticipates the need for a January 2017 team meeting, in addition to its planned fall 2016 meeting.

CPS FMP Housekeeping Updates

The CPS FMP is in need of some housekeeping updates, to be consistent with past amendments and to clarify some language. The CPSMT proposes to develop those housekeeping changes, for Council consideration at a future meeting.