

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
ANCHOVY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Lorna Wargo presented the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) Report on Anchovy Management Update (Agenda Item E.3.a, CPSMT Report), which provides the Council with information on general pathways for management within the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and timeframes needed for considering changes to anchovy management. While the report is focused on the central subpopulation of northern anchovy, it applies in general to other CPS stocks.

It is not necessary to transition a stock from Monitored to Active management in order to establish an Annual Catch Target (ACT), or to modify an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) based upon new or updated information. If a currently monitored stock is considered for active management, a logical next step would be to conduct a workshop, with substantial SSC involvement, to consider alternative Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) given available data and assessment approaches. If the current HCR framework is adopted, values or rules for Cutoff, Fraction and Distribution would need to be determined.

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