

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON 2016  
METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) received a presentation by Mr. Kirk Lynn, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), on a proposal for a methodology review of the Southern California Coastal Pelagic Species Survey (SCCPSS) as described in Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1. The SCCPSS is an aerial survey for CPS covering nearshore waters of the Southern California Bight conducted since 2012. Survey goals as well as field and analytical methods were described. The survey principals (CDFW and California Wetfish Producers Association) proposed the review to obtain guidance on any changes that may be needed for the survey results to be used to inform CPS stock assessments.

The CPSMT concurs with the Scientific and Statistical Committee that there is a need for survey information that covers nearshore areas not covered by existing California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations and Acoustic-Trawl Method (ATM) surveys, and supports a methodology review in Spring 2017 (see Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report).

Although not proposed for a methodology review at this meeting, the CPSMT continues to support a review of the ATM survey as soon as possible, noting that Mr. Dale Sweetnam of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center has suggested early 2018 for a methodology review. The CPSMT recommends consideration of a proposal for this methodology review at the April 2017 Council meeting.

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