

METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

When new stock survey or data methodologies are developed for potential inclusion in Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) products, the Council provides a process for peer review and evaluation. Upon approval by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the methodology can then be included in stock assessments or other Council products. For coastal pelagic species (CPS), the joint CPS and groundfish Terms of Reference for methodology reviews describes the review process, including the preliminary stage of determining which methodologies should be considered for a formal review. This preliminary selection of topics occurs (for CPS) each November, and the review meetings typically occur in the first half of the following year.

At this meeting, the Council will consider requests for formal review, as well as recommendations from the SSC and other Council advisory bodies, in determining which methodologies should be formally reviewed in the following year.

Council Task:

Consider proposal for formal methodology review in 2017.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1: CDFW/CWPA proposal for nearshore aerial CPS surveys in the Southern California Bight.

Agenda Order:

- G.2 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection Kerry Griffin
- a. Repots and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Preliminary Topics for Methodology Review in 2017.