

CENTRAL SUBPOPULATION OF NORTHERN ANCHOVY (CSNA)
OVERFISHING LIMIT (OFL) PROCESS

At its November 2016 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) tasked the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) with providing information regarding potential approaches to a new overfishing limit (OFL) for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA), and likely timelines associated with each approach. After preliminary discussions between the SSC Chair, Council staff, and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) Chair, it was determined that the report would be best developed as a joint SSC and Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) report.

The current OFL for CSNA is based on a long-term maximum sustainable yield (MSY) estimate. This is different than the OFL for actively-managed species such as Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel, which have an OFL control rule that produces a new OFL every year, based on an annual biomass estimate. The CSNA OFL is a long-term value based on a long-term estimate of MSY.

The joint SSC/CPSMT report (Agenda Item G.2.a, SSC/CPSMT Report) describes several approaches that could potentially be used in identifying a new OFL for CSNA. They all require a moderate to significant amount of work with varying associated time frames.

The Council is scheduled to consider the joint report as well as supplemental reports from the SSC, CPSMT, other advisory bodies, and the public, and provide guidance as appropriate.

Council Task:

Review the proposed alternative approaches to developing a CSNA OFL and provide guidance as appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2.a, SSC/CPSMT Report.
2. Agenda Item G.2.b, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- G.2 Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) Overfishing Limit (OFL)
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- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Alternative Approaches to Developing a Revised OFL for the CSNA, including Process and Timeline