

STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

At its April 2018 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) requested information on Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) stock assessment prioritization, including a process for CPS stocks that would provide opportunity for Council input and guidance. The Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) contributed to a report (Agenda Item E.6.a, CPSMT Report 1) that describes potential approaches to CPS stock assessment prioritization.

At this meeting, the Council will discuss stock assessment prioritization as it may be applied to CPS stocks, and should provide further guidance as necessary.

Council Task:

- 1. Consider and discuss potential approaches to CPS stock assessment prioritization.**
- 2. Provide Further Guidance as Appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.6.a, CPSMT Report 1.

Agenda Order:

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| E.6 | Stock Assessment Prioritization Process | Kerry Griffin |
| a. | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Action: Review and Provide Guidance on a Stock Assessment Prioritization Process | |