

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) discussed the issue of membership appointments at both the September and November meetings, and is in unanimous agreement that the current composition of the CPSAS is appropriate in order to provide sound and accurate advice to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). Among its responsibilities, the purpose of advisory bodies (ABs) is to offer advice on fishery management and its effects on local economies and social structures.

For future consideration of changes to the composition of ABs, the CPSAS suggests beginning the process at the June meeting of every year in which AB terms expire. This would allow for adequate advanced notice of potential changes to AB composition, prior to a final decision by the Council.

Regarding the proposed change in the Council Operating Procedure for ABs and alternates, CPSAS fishing industry representatives would like to point out the hardship for fishermen and processors to dedicate days away from business to participate in Council meetings. Changing the notification period for alternates from two weeks to 30 days would create a hardship for both fishermen and processors, who may have last-minute issues that could preclude attendance. We do support the concept of developing a list of pre-approved alternates who are pre-qualified to step in, in an emergency.

We appreciate the Council's consideration of our comments.

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