

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary and offers the following comments on its future workload.

The CPSMT recognizes that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is expected to declare that the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine is in an overfished state and the CPSMT will be tasked with a large workload as the Council fulfills its requirement to develop a rebuilding plan. This will be the first rebuilding plan for CPS stocks under current Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) framework, and will likely be a learning process.

Under April Agenda Item E.4 - Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Management Update, the Council tasked the CPSMT, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, Scientific and Statistical Committee CPS Subcommittee, and Southwest Fisheries Science Center to meet to provide a report on Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) nearshore estimation methodologies and management approaches including the frequency for revisiting reference points for November 2019. To allow adequate time, the CPSMT suggests this meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible, and no later than July or August, in order to have fully developed reports to offer at the November Council meeting.

The CPSMT also notes that depending on June Council decisions on management categories (June Agenda Item E.3), there is a possibility of an upcoming CPS Fishery Management Plan amendment process which would likely take substantial time and effort for the CPSMT to accomplish. The 2020 Pacific sardine assessment is also scheduled to be a benchmark assessment with full STAR panel review prior to the April 2020 Council meeting.

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