

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) reviewed future meeting and workload planning documents (Agenda Item I.4, Attachments 1, 2, and 3) and appreciates the Council's consideration of the following recommendations.

For the **June 2020 meeting** we support adding the three CPS items below to the Council's agenda. In the event the agenda is unable to accommodate all three items, we recommend they be considered in priority order as listed here:

- 1) Preliminary Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan range of alternatives/preliminary preferred alternatives
- 2) Revisions to stock categories in the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) – FMP amendment scoping
- 3) Review of essential fish habitat (EFH) for CPS – scoping/action plan

We note that of these items, the Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan is particularly high priority due to timeline requirements described in the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Regarding the EFH review item, we anticipate that this would be a short agenda item, just enough to adopt the EFH review action plan. If the Council then needs to adjust the timeline for the CPS and/or Highly Migratory Species EFH reviews, it could do so at either the June meeting or a subsequent meeting.

For the **September 2020 meeting**, we recommend including the Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan final preferred alternative/Final Action on the Council's agenda.

Looking further into the future, the CPSAS supports the CPS Management Team's recommendation to schedule a report on the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Frequency of Management Updates Framework and Flowchart for the Council's consideration at the **April 2021 meeting**.

With respect to research needs for Pacific sardine, the CPSAS is aware that the Council discussed research recommendations relative to the Pacific sardine stock assessment, habitat model, and harvest control rule. If asked, the CPSAS will be ready to comment on any of those issues at a future meeting and note that our statement under Agenda Item D.3 at this meeting contains additional details regarding our recommendations for improving sardine science going forward.

Finally, the CPSAS requests that for the purposes of advisory body meeting agenda planning, the CPSAS co-chairs provide input to Council staff on the timing and length of agenda items. This may help to better ensure adequate opportunity at the meetings to fully accomplish subpanel tasks, including statement drafting, while seeking to be as efficient as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.