

Meeting Description: Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold an online meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee to review model specifications regarding the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan Rebuilder tool. The Council's Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) is responsible for the overall development of the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan and will be considered full meeting participants. This meeting is open to the public and public comment will be taken at the discretion of the Chair. Draft documents being reviewed by the Subcommittee are not available for public dissemination, and will be available for public dissemination via the Council's September Briefing Book.

Key personnel

Meeting Chair: André Punt

Principal Analyst: Kevin Hill

Council Staff Officers: Kerry Griffin and John DeVore

Members of the SSC CPS Subcommittee and the CPSMT

Dates/times: Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16, 2020; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time each day, or until business for the day has been completed.

Background

The estimated biomass of Pacific sardine fell below the minimum stock size threshold of 50,000 metric tons, based on the 2019 stock assessment. The Council and NMFS are required to develop a rebuilding plan, which is scheduled for Council adoption at its September 2020 meeting. The primary purpose of the July 15-16 SSC Subcommittee meeting is to provide review and advice on developing proposed rebuilding alternatives relative to the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan.

Meeting objectives

SSC CPS Subcommittee to review and provide advice on:

1. Establishing a stock-recruitment relationship and associated uncertainty
2. Establishing T_{min} , T_{max} , and B_{msy}
3. Setting other model parameters
4. Application of the rebuilder for the Council's rebuilding alternatives
5. Reviewing model outputs for the development and analysis of alternatives.
6. Discuss 2021 stock assessments for coastal pelagic species.
7. Other technical aspects of the sardine rebuilding plan may also be considered, as appropriate

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Chair is responsible for overall prosecution of the meeting, ensuring objectives are met, making rapporteur assignments, coordinating a report to the full SSC, and managing public comment.

- The SSC CPS Subcommittee is responsible for providing expert review and advice relative to the meeting objectives.
- The CPSMT is responsible for developing a reasonable suite of alternatives for consideration at the September Council meeting. The CPSMT is expected to fully participate in the meeting, especially as related to development of alternatives for Council consideration.
- Council Staff Officers are responsible for running the online meeting platform and supporting the meeting Chair as needed.