

## METHODOLOGY REVIEW TOPIC SELECTION

When new methodologies are proposed for stock survey, assessment, fishery impact estimation, or socioeconomic analyses, or for potential inclusion in Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) products, the Council provides a process for peer review and evaluation. Upon review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and approval by the Council, the methodology can then be included in stock assessments or other supporting analyses. For coastal pelagic species (CPS), the joint CPS and groundfish Terms of Reference for methodology reviews describes the review process, beginning with a preliminary stage of determining which methodologies should be considered for a formal review. This preliminary selection of CPS topics occurs each November, and the review meetings typically occur in the first half of the following year.

As of the advanced briefing book deadline for the November Council meeting, no methodology review proposals had been submitted. A Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) report (Agenda Item H.2.a, CPSAS Report 1) requests support for review of the temperature assumptions used to separate and apportion the northern and southern sardine stocks. And a Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) report (Agenda Item H.2.a, CPSMT Report 1) requests modification of the CPS methodology review proposal process.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider proposal for formal methodology review in 2020.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.2.a, CPSMT Report 1.
2. Agenda Item H.2.a, CPSAS Report 1.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

#### H.2 Methodology Review Topic Selection

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Approve Topics for Review in 2021