

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CLIMATE AND
COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE WORKSHOP REPORT

Some members of the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) were able to attend one of the four workshop webinars sponsored by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and hosted by Dr. Kit Dahl. Jonathan Star was the moderator and did an excellent job.

These workshops focused on the challenges that climate change will inflict on our fisheries and communities not by predicting exact action and consequence but through a series of exercises using four climate change scenarios. These scenarios developed different visions of what ocean and climate change might be while juxtaposing different harvest environments that fishermen might encounter in the future.

Items covered included various supply chain disruptions along with market challenges so that it was not only played out on the water, but also on the net impacts to our customer base, infrastructure, and logistics. Most participants were fully engaged and taking part in numerous and sometimes animated conversations. Some lamented the prospective loss of our fishing heritage.

We wish to thank the Council, Dr. Dahl, and Mr. Star for organizing these workshops. Some who thought this was going to be another dull lecture on climate change were surprised to hear energized dialogue and a solid level of enlivened participation. Overall this event ranks highly amongst the workshops we have had. The CPSAS is supportive of the work being done under the Climate and Communities Initiative of the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and sees value in continuing that work.

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