

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS UPDATE

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) heard a presentation from John DeVore on developing the research and data needs database for the Pacific Council. The CPSAS supports this project and appreciates the efforts to develop a database to catalog and manage the priorities of research projects for the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council).

The CPSAS notes that many of the research and data needs identified for CPS have been carried forward year after year, with no discernable progress made. We concur with the Scientific and Statistical Committee's recommendation to capture and highlight high priority data needs but suggest that the database also keep track of "moderately high" data needs that are often identified in stock assessment review (STAR) panel reviews and the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document. Perhaps a column could also be included in the database to track dates for data needs recommendations, to track progress toward completion.

The CPSAS also supports soliciting priority recommendations at Council meetings, and we believe that research priorities should be determined on a regular schedule, certainly more than once every five years.

We suggest reviewing the research and data needs list at least every two years, and annually if a critically important research need arises. We believe maximum flexibility to adjust as needed should be built into the database.

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