

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the changes proposed by the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Management Team (CPSMT) to the Council Operating Procedure (COP) 26 for conducting methodology and data reviews for Coastal Pelagic Species ([Agenda Item H.4.a, CPSMT Report 1](#)). Currently, any CPS methodology review proposals are scheduled on the November meeting agenda and the agenda item is often cancelled at the start of the Council meeting since no proposals were submitted. The CPSMT revision outlines a schedule for the methodology reviews that require notification prior to the September meeting so the Council can consider the request(s) at the November meeting. The proposed COP 26 revision contains the schedule and outlines responsibilities of the parties to conduct the review for approved methodology proposals. The COP 26 revision also clarifies the process for reviewing existing methodologies. The SSC supports the proposed revisions to COP 26. However, the COP would benefit from clarification of the roles of “proponents” of a methodology review and the “analysts” who will do the work to be reviewed.

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