

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) was honored to receive a preview of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) presentation to the Council from Ms. Kristen Koch and Mr. Dale Sweetnam. Dr. Juan Zwolinski, a member of the SWFSC's Acoustic Trawl team, and Dr. John Hyde, Program Lead of Genetics, Physiology, and Aquaculture, also attended the virtual meeting and responded to questions from CPSAS members. The CPSAS extends our grateful thanks to Ms. Koch, Mr. Sweetnam, Dr. Zwolinski, and Dr. Hyde for their time and candid report on the status of the SWFSC's capacity and priorities related to CPS surveys, stock assessments, and research and data needs. CPSAS members greatly appreciate the SWFSC's help and collaboration with industry, contracting with fishermen in the Pacific Northwest and California to conduct acoustic surveys near shore, which will improve future stock assessments. We were gratified to learn that the SWFSC is responding to fishermen's concerns and recommendations to improve survey accuracy, and prioritizing issues such as sardine stock structure, and the anchovy stock assessment. We're also pleased that this communication with the Advisory Bodies will be continued on a regular basis. Industry members in both the Northwest and California extend our offer of assistance to strengthen this collaboration.

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