

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
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The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) received a presentation from Ms. Kristen Koch and Mr. Dale Sweetnam from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) on June 24. The presentation covered research activities and provided an opportunity for both CPS advisory bodies to ask questions and engage with SWFSC leadership and staff. The CPSMT appreciated the presentation and discussion and looks forward to having similar meetings in the future. The CPSMT thanks all the leadership and staff from the SWFSC for their time and effort to meet with us.

The CPSMT was pleased to hear that the spring surveys were able to be done and to see the preliminary results. The plans for the upcoming summer survey with its extensive collaboration with industry partners are encouraging and hopes that the planned work in collaboration with colleagues in Mexico come to fruition. The CPSMT was also encouraged by the SWFSC plans to address both the near term and the longer term stock assessment and research needs that were raised for Pacific sardine at the April 2021 Council meeting ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)), and were also identified by the SSC ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)). We look forward to hearing progress reports on the SWFSC's efforts to address these research needs. The CPSMT is also encouraged by the additional investigations underway regarding how climate change may affect CPS.

However, the potential loss of ship time available for CPS surveys that may cause them to be combined with for Pacific hake surveys raises concerns. The CPS surveys have become an integral part of effectively managing CPS fisheries. Combining these surveys is less than ideal because it requires compromises in survey protocols for both surveys but is clearly preferable to not having any coastwide survey for CPS.

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