

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON STANDARDIZED
BYCATCH REPORTING METHODOLOGY

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) read the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team's (CPSMT) report on Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) (Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1), and compliments the CPSMT for producing a comprehensive report on the background and processes utilized by West Coast States to account for and report bycatch.

The CPSAS agrees with the CPSMT statement that bycatch in CPS fisheries is typically low due to the characteristic schooling tendencies of targeted CPS species and the roundhaul gear used in harvest. We also concur with CPSMT recommendations to specify SBRM in the CPS Fishery Management Plan and provide more detailed information in the annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, to facilitate addressing the required elements conforming with the Final Rule for SBRM.

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