

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, November 2021 (Agenda Item E.7, Attachment 2) and the Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (Agenda Item E.7, Attachment 1). The CPSMT offers the following for Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) consideration.

November 2021

- Stock Assessment Prioritization (SAP), Agenda Item I.2, Friday, November 19:
This agenda item may not require two hours. The CPSMT suggests one hour may be sufficient. There may be little for the Council to discuss given that of the five stocks in the fishery management plan (FMP), three are currently scheduled for stock assessments. Further, the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) indicates they are at assessment capacity with this workload.
 - Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA), full assessment, December 2021
 - Pacific sardine, Update assessment, 2022 and full assessment, 2023
 - Pacific mackerel, full assessment, 2023
- Methodology Review, Agenda Item I.3, Saturday, November 20:
This agenda item should be removed from the November meeting schedule consistent with COP 26, if no methodology review requests were submitted to the Executive Director by the beginning of the September Council meeting.
- Management Categories, Agenda Item I.4, Saturday, November 20:
The CPSMT suggests moving this agenda item to Friday, November 19. This move can be accommodated if Methodology Review: Topic Selection is cancelled and if the Council reduces the SAP agenda item to one hour. These changes maintain total CPS time on the schedule at 2.5 hours and eliminate having only a single CPS agenda item scheduled on Saturday.

The CPSMT plans to provide a scoping report that will include proposed underline/strikethrough FMP text in the advance November Briefing Book materials under this agenda item per the Council motion in June 2019. At that time, the Council asked the CPSMT to produce a revised CPS Fishery Management Plan that removes the Active and Monitored management categories, and instead, provides individual descriptions of the management of each CPS stock. The Council had tentatively scheduled to consider a draft Fishery Management Plan revision at the June 2020 meeting; however, as the Council is aware, that item was delayed.

- Membership and Council Operating Procedures, Agenda Item C.5, Monday, November 22:
The CPSMT notes under this agenda item the Council will be considering changes to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9 to incorporate the CSNA framework. The Council reviewed the framework in June 2021 and directed the CPSMT to develop language incorporating the framework into COP 9, which we intend to provide for the advanced November Briefing Book.

CPS Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review - Phase 2

At its April 2021 meeting, the Council decided to proceed with Phase 2 of the CPS EFH review. The next task is to provide an action plan to provide the scope of work, staffing, and tentative schedule to complete the work for Phase 2.

The CPSMT recognizes substantial new work with Marine Planning, Council staffing changes, and the heavy dependence on SWFSC expertise to accomplish some EFH review objectives. All contribute uncertainty related to scheduling this agenda item. The CPSMT will continue to work with Council staff to determine the appropriate meeting for the Council to schedule an agenda item to receive the action plan for the Phase 2 review.

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