

PACIFIC SARDINE ASSESSMENT, HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS, AND
MANAGEMENT MEASURES – FINAL ACTION

At this meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will consider the 2022 draft Pacific sardine stock assessment update (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1) and will adopt harvest specifications and management measures for the 2022-23 Pacific sardine fishing season, which runs July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) subcommittee met on March 2, 2022 to review the draft assessment. At this meeting, the full SSC will review the assessment and the SSC CPS subcommittee report, and will make recommendations on the overfishing limit (OFL) and corresponding acceptable biological catch (ABC) to the Council.

Similar to recent years, the biomass estimates have been below the sardine harvest control rule Cutoff threshold of 150,000 mt. Aside from small scale and live bait fishing, directed fishing has been prohibited. The Council will also consider incidental landings in fisheries targeting other CPS stocks, non-CPS fisheries, and take allowed under exempted fishing permits (see Agenda Item E.2).

At this meeting, the Council will consider adopting the stock assessment update and set management measures and harvest specifications for the 2022 – 2023 Pacific sardine fishing year.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt the Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment Update and Pacific sardine OFL.**
- 2. Select P*, ABC, annual catch limit, and, if appropriate, annual catch target specifications and management measures.**
- 3. Adopt incidental catch allowances for CPS and non-CPS fisheries.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1: Stock Assessment Update.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- E.3 Pacific Sardine Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures - Final Action Jessi Doerpinghaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Pacific Sardine Assessment, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2022-2023 Pacific Sardine Fishery