

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON INITIAL STOCK
ASSESSMENT PLAN AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the groundfish and CPS stock assessment review process in June 2020 and submitted revisions prior to and at the meeting ([Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1, June 2020](#)). The CPSMT at that time recommended and the Council decided to initiate separate TOR documents for groundfish and CPS to streamline and improve coordination of the revision process, with shorter documents tailored for each fishery management plan.

In consultation with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) CPS Subcommittee, the CPSMT anticipates being able to review and comment on a draft CPS TOR this year. **The CPSMT recommends the Council schedule a CPS stock assessment TOR initial review for June 2022 with final adoption for November 2022.** This timeline will allow for the new CPS TOR to be in place for 2023 assessments.

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