

CENTRAL SUBPOPULATION OF NORTHERN ANCHOVY ASSESSMENT AND HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) adopted a process in June 2021 to periodically evaluate harvest reference points such as overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CSNA). A [framework and flowchart](#) describes that process and schedule in Council Operating Procedure 9. This meeting will be the first time that this framework is used in considering setting harvest specifications for CSNA.

A benchmark stock assessment for CSNA (Attachment 1) was reviewed by a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panel in December 2021. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will review the assessment and the STAR panel report (Attachment 2) and provide a recommendation on adopting the assessment.

The Council should consider adopting the CSNA stock assessment and recommending an OFL, ABC, an annual catch limit (ACL) and any other associated specifications (i.e. annual catch target) or management measures as appropriate.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Stock Assessment.**
- 2. Consider recommending OFL, ABC, ACL, and if appropriate, annual catch target specifications and management measures.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1: Draft Executive Summary of “Assessment of the Northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*) central subpopulation in 2021 for U.S. Management” (**Full version Electronic Only**).
2. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2: Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel Report.
3. Agenda Item D.1.a, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Report 1.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- D.1 Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Assessment and Harvest Specifications Jessi Doerpinghaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Assessment and Harvest Specifications, As Appropriate