

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL ON STOCK ASSESSMENT  
TERMS OF REFERENCE- PRELIMINARY

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) would like to thank the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) for separating the Terms of Reference (TOR) document for CPS and groundfish into two separate documents. Further, we would like to thank the Scientific and Statistical Committee Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee for preparing the initial CPS TOR.

With regards to the document, the CPSAS wishes to see full benchmark assessments when practical for sardines and anchovies. The actual assessment prioritization will be determined at the November meeting. The flow chart (Figure 1) is satisfactory for anchovy management while a shorter time period is warranted for sardines.

The review process goals and objective outlined in the TOR provide a good guideline for the STAR Panel to review stock assessments. The CPSAS appreciates being included in the review process.

In closing, the CPSAS recommends the Council accept the proposed TOR document and send it out for public review. For the final TOR to be adopted in November, we would like to see “sigma” undergo a careful review.

The CPSAS continues to support the proposed Pacific sardine stock structure and methodology review workshops ([Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1, June 2022](#)) and we would like to have a representative at each workshop. Additionally, we are supportive of the request to look at the Emsy during the methodology review workshop.

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