

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

The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee held a meeting on May 5, 2022 to revise the CPS stock assessment Terms of Reference (TOR). The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) representative at the meeting provided input on draft versions of the new CPS TOR document including changes to the section on CPSMT responsibilities. The CPSMT reviewed the draft TOR document ([Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1, June 2022](#)) and found it to be a significant improvement over the combined CPS and Groundfish TOR for assessments that was first adopted in 2009. The CPSMT appreciates the previous work done by both the SSC CPS Subcommittee and the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee to create separate TOR documents. The CPSMT recommends that the Council adopt the draft CPS TOR for public review and schedule final adoption at its November 2022 meeting to allow time for any final modifications.

The National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center has proposed workshops ([Agenda Item D.2a Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)) that address priority research and assessment issues related to Pacific sardine identified by both the [SSC](#) and the [CPSMT](#) in April 2021. The CPSMT endorses moving forward with these proposed workshops and requests in-person participation from the CPSMT and the CPS Advisory Subpanel at both workshops.

The CPSMT again recommends that the next benchmark assessment for Pacific sardine occur in 2024 rather than in 2023. This would ideally allow results from the workshops to be incorporated.

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