

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON COUNCIL
MEETING AND PROCESS EFFICIENCIES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) convened on September 1st to discuss the staff white paper on Council process effectiveness and efficiencies (Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1). The CPSAS appreciates staff's efforts in developing this white paper and believes the list of issues and their consideration in the paper are an appropriate foundation for considering process changes to address effectiveness and efficiencies in the Council process.

The Subpanel supports the use of a mix of in person and remote meetings provided care is given to balancing the use of the different formats. Use of in-person meetings is very beneficial for issues that require in depth discussion and consideration. Remote meetings provide greater opportunity to comment on more issues that are relevant, but less central to, CPS management by allowing the Subpanel to comment on issues at meetings that it does not attend in person or to allow the Subpanel to provide reports on less CPS centric topics. This, in turn, will give greater opportunity to use in-person time more effectively on more demanding issues. Scheduling these meetings prior to the Council's in-person meeting week may also provide more time for the Council members and stakeholders to read reports.

The Subpanel also recommends that the Council give specific consideration to topical meetings (2.3 on page 10). The use of topical meetings may allow the Council to efficiently address time sensitive issues, as well as give more focused consideration to a few issues in a topic area with less pressure to move on to the broader range of topics that are typical to Council agendas.

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