

## COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING AND PROCESS EFFICIENCIES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Council Meeting and Process Efficiencies staff report ([Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1, September 2022](#)) and discussed the ideas that apply to the format and timeline of Council advisory bodies and reports they create. The CPSMT greatly appreciated the opportunity to return to in-person meetings in June and for our upcoming work meeting in late September. Not all were able to attend the June meeting, unfortunately, so a hybrid capability (Item 2.1.1) is something the team sees as beneficial and recommends this be explored for all in-person advisory body meetings. Virtual meetings will remain a preferred method in instances where in-person meetings are not necessary, thus planning will be necessary to determine which meeting format is best for any given meeting for the CPSMT.

The exploration of changing the timing of advisory body meetings (2.2) may have positive benefits by enabling the submission of reports in a more timely manner. However, the team discussion also noted that this may not always work due to the nature of some agenda items, and may be more appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

The idea of convening a separate Council session following each meeting just for Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning may lead to more substantive planning discussions. The team is curious how that would affect advisory body deliberation and the timing of report submissions if it were enacted. Additional considerations for 2.3.1.2 include the identification of how different advisory bodies would be able to share information while avoiding mission creep, especially across the wide variety of topics under the Council's purview.

Overall, the team thinks a strategic planning exercise such as that proposed in 1.1 has value for the future of Council work and recommends it be undertaken.

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