

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON  
STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION

The [Situation Summary](#) for this agenda item provides the schedule for assessments of coastal pelagic species (CPS) stocks in Table 1. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) supports that schedule, but notes that there should be an update assessment for Pacific sardine in 2025 added to Table 1 to correctly reflect the schedule and process laid out in [Council Operating Procedure \(COP\) 9](#).

The CPSMT recommends that COP 9 be updated. Currently it incorrectly prescribes an update assessment for Pacific mackerel in the intervening odd years between benchmark assessments. Council action in June 2013, however, dictated catch-only projection estimates be done in those years. COP 9 also presents a schedule for SAFE updates that does not reflect current practice.

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