

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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) was briefed on this agenda item by Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff officer Jessi Doerpinghaus at our March 30th webinar and offers the following comments.

The CPSAS supports the proposed guidelines for meeting formats presented by Council staff, however, we would prefer to meet in person twice a year rather than once per year.

With regards to the proposals of Council-related meeting format options in Table 1, the CPSAS is supportive of those proposals. However, the CPSAS recommends that the Council consider utilizing the in-person with web broadcast meeting format more broadly- including with advisory body meetings. We note that this has budget implications, and the Council would need to consider the tradeoffs in expanding this access and the monetary and operational costs to the Council. Yet, the ability for stakeholders to be able to engage with advisory bodies in addition to the Council is crucial in our perspective. Fishermen may not be able to listen in and provide comment at the Council agenda item time but may be able to listen into the discussions of the advisory bodies to understand the issues and provide comments through that opportunity.

Finally, the CPSAS wants to propose that as the strategic planning process continues into June and beyond that one of the topics of consideration be the overlap of North Pacific and Pacific Council meetings. Advisory bodies, including the CPSAS, have struggled with recent participation-sometimes due to overlapping commitments of the two Council meetings, specifically in April.

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