

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FISHERY  
ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVE 4 – PROGRESS REVIEW

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) supports the process moving forward to evaluate the use of risk tables to incorporate additional ecosystem information into the specifications process for CPS, which may include a pilot risk table for a species. The CPSAS cautions that in developing any recommendation to the Council, input should be sought from all applicable advisory groups. The evaluation should consider the process and information used to establish the existing buffers in the specifications process and whether the additional information added through use of ecosystem indicators and risk tables justifies modification of those buffers. The evaluation (including identifying species for a pilot) should also carefully consider the information available concerning each species, its current management and potential future changes in that management, and the uncertainties of our understanding of the species response to ecosystem indicators.

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