

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FISHERY
ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVE 4 – PROGRESS REVIEW

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) met with the Ecosystem Working Group (EWG) on January 22, 2024. The revisions subsequently made to the ecosystem on-ramp diagram for Coastal Pelagic Species management ([Figure 2 in Supplemental Revised EWG Report 1, Agenda Item H.2.a](#)) is an improvement from the initial diagram for CPS presented in [September, 2023](#), but the CPSMT may have additional suggestions for improvements or refinement either before or after it is put into practice.

The CPSMT notes that the work to date has been specific to groundfish and we would like to see the metrics (e.g., indicators such as Pacific Decadal Oscillation, seal pup weight, seabird reproductive success, etc.) that may be considered and utilized to incorporate ecosystem considerations into sigma, P^* , or if risk tables should be developed for CPS. Determination of the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) values that result from assessments that better incorporate ecosystem considerations may well be useful. We note that the EWG is currently recommending options 1 and 3 from their discussion with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee but has yet to have such discussions with the SSC's CPS Subcommittee. If the Council chooses to move this initiative forward, the CPSMT sees value in exploring the best metrics and methods for implementing ecosystem information into CPS harvest specifications.

The CPSMT in general supports incorporating ecosystem and climate information into CPS harvest specifications processes. One example is ecosystem considerations such as those provided in the [California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment](#), that could potentially be part of annual catch limit harvest specifications discussions during the check-in process as specified in the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy management framework outlined in Council Operating Procedure 9.

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