

## COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) Summary ([Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1](#)) and the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, June 2024 ([Agenda Item G.4 Attachment 2](#)). The CPSMT offers the following for Council consideration.

### **CSNA Biennial Evaluation**

The management framework for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CSNA) was adopted in 2021 (See Council [Operating Procedure 9](#) and the CPS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) [Document](#)). Under this framework, recent average U.S. short-term biomass and catch are evaluated biennially to determine if thresholds have been met that would trigger changes in the current acceptable biological catch (ABC), or if a new benchmark assessment should be scheduled for the following year. The CPSMT examined these two metrics at this meeting, and neither of the thresholds were met, so no changes to CSNA management are necessary. Briefly, the average U.S. short-term biomass was 2,423,018 mt (values from Stierhoff et al. 2023a,b, and [I.1b, Supplemental Presentation 1](#)). When multiplied by  $Q \cdot E_{MSY}$  ( $0.25 \cdot 0.493$ ), the resulting value was greater than  $ABC_d$  (60,945 mt) by a proportion of at least 0.4, and catch in 2022 (1,507 mt) and 2023 (3,123 mt) was less than 90 percent of the  $ABC_d$ . Additional details on these calculations can be found in the CPS SAFE document. The CSNA check-in currently shaded for June 2024 in the YAG is not necessary and can therefore be removed.

### **Future Meetings**

Based on the draft agenda proposed for June 2024, the CPSMT recommends a virtual meeting for the CPSMT. However, the agenda items scheduled for November on the YAG would benefit from in-person discussion: (1) Stock Assessment Prioritization and (2) Science Needs and Priorities. Therefore, we request that the CPSMT meet in person at the November 2024 Council meeting.

### References

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