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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) is scheduled to attend the November 2024 Council meeting in person and in addition plans to hold an online work session before the meeting to address both CPS and non-CPS items on the agenda.

The Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Preliminary Review agenda item J.3 for November 2024 is currently shaded. The CPSMT requests this item be removed from the agenda, as there are not expected to be any new EFPs (only renewal EFPs) or need for Scientific and Statistical Committee review at this meeting. The CPSMT recommends a process similar to last year, where proposals are submitted as informational reports for public review. Additionally, the CPSMT would like to reiterate its April 2024 requests of EFP proponents regarding proposal format (Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1).

Agenda Item J.6, CPS Science Needs and Priorities, is also currently shaded on the proposed November 2024 agenda. The CPSMT understands that the need to prioritize other CPS agenda items for November will delay action on long-standing CPS science and data needs, but anticipates that November Agenda Item D.3, Research and Data Needs – Identify Top Management and Science Challenges, can also address CPS-specific science topics. The CPSMT recognizes that Agenda Item D.3 is on a longer timeline and advises the Council to prioritize the CPS-specific topics as soon as practicable.

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