

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) supports the following changes to the following Research and Data Needs high-level challenges and associated key topics, detailed in Agenda Item D.3 Attachment 1:

Under Draft Challenge 1 (**data limited stocks**):

- 1) Include CPS in the *FMP Examples* under the topic “need for additional life history data to improve stock assessments” (particularly for juvenile Pacific sardine);
- 2) Add a topic for the “development of management that includes all Pacific sardines coastwide, including biomass estimates and in-season catch accounting” as a management priority.
- 3) Broaden the topic “Use of AT survey estimates for setting harvest specifications for other CPS species (e.g. northern subpopulation of northern anchovy)” to include the improvement of Acoustic Trawl survey estimates of CPS species to ensure that the survey accurately counts and identifies CPS. Work on this topic is currently underway.

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