

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON STOCK
ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) has reviewed the proposed stock assessment schedule in the joint Pacific Fishery Management Council/National Marine Fisheries Service report ([Agenda Item J.3, Attachment 1](#)) and agrees with both the joint report and the Scientific and Statistical Committee report ([Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)) that a benchmark assessment for Pacific sardine in 2027 should be prioritized over a benchmark Pacific mackerel assessment. An update assessment of Pacific mackerel in 2027 will be adequate to inform management for the 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 fishing years.

The CPSMT notes that the biennial evaluation of short-term biomass and catch attainment for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy is scheduled to be revisited in 2026.

The northern subpopulation of northern anchovy (NSNA) has never been formally assessed, yet is the target of harvesting effort. The CPSMT recognizes that assessment of NSNA is a lower priority than Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel but recommends that the Council consider requesting an assessment of this stock in the future.

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