

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the preliminary list of research and data needs produced by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) (Agenda Item C.2, SSC Report 1) and asks that the Pacific Fishery Management Council consider including CPS in the following research and data needs:

- SSC Challenge 1. Data collection:
 - Data collection of fishery-independent indices of abundance and/or cooperation in getting those data from Mexican waters for CPS stocks
- SSC Challenge 3. Life history and stock structure:
 - Analyses for natural mortality and steepness for CPS stocks
- SSC Challenge 7. Economics:
 - Develop data sources and analyses of seafood markets and supply chains relevant to U.S. West Coast fisheries. This may be an emerging issue with volatile CPS international markets.

The CPSMT will further discuss and prioritize CPS-specific science and management items under Agenda Item G.5 CPS Science and Management Priorities.