

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE  
FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) heard a report from Dr. Annie Yau of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) about research and survey work the SWFSC has done and planning to accomplish in the future. Dr. Yau and their team are well known to many in our CPS fisheries as we have now dedicated two commercial fishing vessels to work with their research vessels (RV *Reuben Lasker* and *Shimada*) on their summer CPS survey across the entire U.S West Coast.

Experienced fishermen from our industry have spent time on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) research vessels and have worked with their crews to impart many years of knowledge. Additionally, people from our industry have consulted, advised, and worked directly on design, purchase, and deployment of the most modern nets and equipment with the staff from both the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and SWFSC. We have also helped in the transition to the integrated survey for both Pacific whiting and CPS species.

After these years of interactions, many in our industry feel we are truly partners with the science centers. Many of our CPS fishermen have had a tough go of it this last decade with the closure of the directed sardine fishery and we must work together to resolve some complex issues. We believe that our history of working with the Centers will help us in improving fishing opportunities.

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