COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON PACIFIC SARDINE SUBPOPULATION LANDINGS 2015 – 2024

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) provides average Pacific sardine northern subpopulation (NSP) percentages of total U.S. catch since the directed fishery was closed in July 2015 (Table 1), based on a summary table of U.S. landings from the Pacific sardine stock assessment report (<u>Agenda Item G.3</u>, <u>Attachment 1</u>). This should be viewed as informational and the CPSMT does not support its use for any management purposes in the 2025–2026 Pacific sardine fishing year. If the Council wishes to move forward with assigning in season catch to subpopulations in the future, the CPSMT recommends additional analyses to fully explore the best approach. This can be further explored under Agenda Item G.5.

Table 1. Total U.S. landings of Pacific sardine (mt) by year (<u>Agenda Item G.3. Attachment 1</u>) attributed to the northern subpopulation (NSP) and southern subpopulation (SSP) since the directed fishery was closed in July 2015. Also included in the table is the percentage of NSP landings and the average of the percentages.

Mgmt. Year	Total U.S. Landings	NSP U.S. Landings	SSP U.S. Landings	Percent NSP
2015–2016	1,919	75	1,844	3.91
2016–2017	1,885	602	1,283	31.94
2017–2018	1,775	351	1,424	19.77
2018–2019	2,278	525	1,753	23.05
2019–2020	2,062	627	1,435	30.41
2020–2021	2,276	657	1,619	28.87
2021–2022	1,772	298	1,474	16.82
2022–2023	1,620	565	1,055	34.88
2023–2024	1,774	844	930	47.58
2024–2025*	772	267	505	34.59
AVERAGE				27.18

^{*2024–2025} management year landings are preliminary (through Dec. 31, 2024)

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