

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) asks that the CPS Workload and Stock Assessment Prioritization planning agenda item proposed in June 2026 be scheduled and include a discussion of the potential to inform next year's sardine specifications process through a benchmark assessment, an update assessment, or survey data. We ask that Council staff consult National Marine Fisheries Service staff to provide a discussion of the merits of these different approaches (which could include a combination of them), and their costs in terms of staff workload and their potential to affect work on the revision of the sardine stock.

We are encouraged by the schedule for the Sardine Stock Revision action, and while we acknowledge that it is ambitious, but would like to go forward with the scheduled item in September, particularly if there is a place for the CPSAS to provide input on the stock revision.

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