

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) Summary ([Agenda Item C.6 Attachment 1](#)), and the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agendas for March and April 2026 ([Agenda Item C.6 Attachment 2](#) and [Attachment 3](#)). The CPSMT offers the following for Council consideration.

Future Meetings

We appreciate the Council’s acknowledgement of the need for CPSMT involvement for sardine stock definitions and preliminarily scheduling the CPSMT to be in person for the April, September, and November 2026 meetings.

The CPSMT recommends that the Integrated Survey Review agenda item in April 2026 be unshaded.

During April 2026, the CPSMT plans to evaluate the recent average U.S. short-term biomass and catch of the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (per the framework in COP 9) to determine if thresholds have been met that would trigger changes in the current ABC, or if a new benchmark assessment should be scheduled for the following year.

The CPSMT recommends that the April 2026 agenda item “Sardine Stock Definitions - FPA” include further scoping of next steps for the sardine stock definition. Scoping would identify management considerations, including but not limited to the reference points and harvest control rules, based on changes to the Pacific sardine stock definition, to be scheduled for September 2026. Therefore, the CPSMT recommends considering whether the September 2026 CPS agenda item “Sardine Reference Points & HCR” be renamed following the outcome of the April 2026 meeting. This item is noted as “if needed” in the YAG, and the CPSMT recommends removing “if needed” but leaving the agenda item shaded.