

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the proposal (Agenda J.2.a NMFS Report 1) for a formal methodology review of the integrated survey that provides the biomass estimates, survey age-composition, and survey weight-at-age data that supports the stock assessments for West Coast Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS). The review is appropriate given the change from the Nordic 264 surface trawl net to a new multi-function trawl net. This change could lead to differences in length- and species-specific selectivity of the trawl, which could lead to a lack of survey data comparability between the data for 2025 and before.

The SSC recommends that the methodology review proceed as proposed and endorses the Terms of Reference (Agenda J.2 Attachment 1). The SSC also recommends that the Terms of Reference be expanded to include a review of the progress made on [past research recommendations \(April 2018\)](#) related to the trawl net and its performance.

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