

## **Agenda Item F.2 Stock Assessment Prioritization Process**

- 1. Consider an assessment prioritization process for CPS stocks.**
- 2. Consider data available for a potential CSNA stock assessment.**

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

I move that the Council:

1. Adopt the recommendation by the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 2 to schedule a CPS stock assessment prioritization process as a biennial November agenda item to begin in November 2020 to select the CPS stock(s) to be assessed in 2021 and 2022. This process would not use a ranking matrix approach, but would include Council deliberations for CPS stock assessments on a biennial cycle with advice provided by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Council advisory bodies, management agencies, and the public relative to data quantity and quality and assessment resources.

Amendment by Frank Lockhart; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dooley: amend item #1 delete "2021 and"

2. Adopt the following recommendations from the SSC as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1:
  - a. Provide flexibility in the process to allow for revisions in the intervening year given new information because CPS are subject to rapid fluctuations in abundance and fisheries catch.
  - b. Consider how selection of stock assessment priorities may affect survey design and potentially compromise the long-term integrity and value of resulting abundance indices.
3. In 2020, conduct a model-based integrated assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) as the highest priority. If resources are available for a benchmark assessment on Pacific sardine in addition to CSNA, this would not preclude assessing both stocks in 2020.

Lockhart Amendment also includes the change to #3:

In 2020, conduct a benchmark assessment on Pacific sardine and, in 2021 conduct a model-based integrated assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA). Amendment carried unanimously.

Moved by Michele Culver; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Lincoln

Motion as amended carried unan.