

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
NOAA OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) received a report from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Counsel Phillip Ortiz, requesting input on establishing annual enforcement priorities. The CPSAS notes that there are overlapping jurisdictions involved in the management of West Coast pelagic fisheries. Therefore, the CPSAS recommends that NOAA law enforcement emphasize coordination with state enforcement officials to provide uniformity from the fishing grounds to the point of delivery and subsequent distribution. Promoting a policy of federal and state cooperation in the areas of patrol and data sharing is the most cost effective means to improve compliance and deterrence.