COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL
REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

Adaptive Assessment Research Schedule
The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) heard a report on the Adaptive Assessment Research Scheduling plan, from Dr. Paul Crone. The CPSAS supports the initiative, and anticipates that it would lead to a more efficient, flexible, and effective way to approach single- and multi-species stock assessments.

Sardine Assessment
The CPSAS reviewed the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed activity schedule and strongly urges the Council to recommend a full stock assessment and review panel for sardine for 2013.

As noted in the NMFS Report (Agenda Item F.1.b), important new research surveys and new data are forthcoming in 2012 that will improve future stock assessments, and this information requires stock assessment review in order to be included in the model.

First is the successful methods review for the Canadian swept trawl survey, which will provide critical new information about sardines' northern migration. In addition, the synoptic sardine–hake (SaKe) field survey is scheduled for this summer, which will extend to the northern tip of Vancouver Island, Canada. The second leg of the synoptic survey will extend to the Mexican border and Mexican researchers are also coordinating a field survey in Mexican waters. This 2012 summer survey is the outcome of the sardine workshops held in 2011 and involves uncommon cooperation among Canadian, U.S. and Mexican researchers to advance the state of knowledge about Pacific sardine.

The CPSAS would appreciate Council consideration of these new data sources and our desire to include them in future sardine management as soon as possible.

Finally, the CPSAS expresses its appreciation for the outstanding effort and cooperation leading to the greatly expanded coastwide survey. The Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers, scientists from Canada and Mexico, and the fishing industry all deserve commendation.

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