

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
STOCK ASSESSMENT PLANNING FOR MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS
IN THE 2015-2016 FISHERIES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) held a joint teleconference on February 28, 2012 to review the draft terms of reference (TOR) documents for both the Stock Assessment Review (STAR) and Methodology Review processes. Previous TORs dealt with coastal pelagic species (CPS) and groundfish separately. The two TOR documents now incorporate the CPS and groundfish review processes together.

The CPSAS suggests no specific changes for either of the draft TORs, but supports the terminology and description corrections for the STAR TOR, as referenced by the CPSMT in its report (Agenda Item F.5.b, Supplemental CPSMT Report).

Finally, the CPSAS notes that the West Coast Vancouver Island Trawl Survey index of abundance will be considered by a Methodology Review Panel in May, 2012. This index would not be included in the sardine biomass estimate until the next full assessment, tentatively scheduled for 2014. Assuming a positive review of the methodology, it may make sense to move the next full assessment up a year, to 2013.

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