The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) proposes the following changes to the draft EA/RIR for Amendment 9:

APPENDIX C - STATE APPROACHES FOR DETERMINING BYCATCH (page 27)

California Work Plan for the 2000 Sardine Fishery

Planned Work

Most fishing for sardines occurs out of the ports of San Pedro and Monterey. Scientific aides will be hired to routinely monitor landings and sample fish from the purse seine fleet.

Fish aging

After age data has been added to the sample database, sample data will be summarized in reports for use in assessing the current sardine population and determining the quota for the next year.

Quota monitoring

Staff will monitor quota landings and distribute landing summaries on a quarterly basis.