

ENFORCEMENT REPORT: OVERVIEW OF
JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT PROGRAM

The Council's Enforcement Consultants will make a presentation on efforts conducted under the Joint Enforcement Agreement Program.

The West Coast states have Joint Enforcement Agreements (JEAs) with NOAA Fisheries Service Office for Law Enforcement (OLE). The OLE initiated the JEA program in 2002 under the Cooperative Enforcement Agreement (CEA) program, to assist in funding operational and outreach activities which serve in the protection and conservation of the nation's marine resources. Numerous state law enforcement agencies have a CEA with the OLE. While CEAs federally-deputize environmental officers to initiate investigations on behalf of the OLE, JEAs allocate funding from NOAA to a state's environmental law enforcement agencies for the specific purpose of assisting the OLE in conducting its mission. Since many of these missions overlap with those of the state agencies, JEAs benefit both state and Federal enforcement.

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the Enforcement Consultants
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Enforcement Consultant Recommendations

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