

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON
COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region will briefly report on recent developments relevant to coastal pelagic species (CPS) fisheries and issues of interest to the Council including an update on the status of current fisheries and Amendment 12 to the CPS Fishery Management Plan regarding krill management.

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1: NMFS Southwest Regional Office Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. NMFS Activities
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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CPS Regulatory Activities

Current regulations that are in progress include the implementation of Amendment 12-Krill Prohibition; sea otter conservation measures and reporting requirements (resulting from Amendment 11); and the 2007 Pacific sardine harvest guideline.

Pacific Mackerel:

2006-2007 Landings: The current Pacific mackerel harvest guideline is 19,845 mt with a directed fishery of 13,845 mt and a reserve of 6,000 mt. The Pacific mackerel season began on July 1, 2006, and ends on June 30, 2007. As of January 2007, 5,739 mt of Pacific mackerel had been landed. NMFS, with help from the state, will continue to monitor landings to determine whether it will be necessary to close the directed fishery and institute an incidental fishery only.