

**National Marine Fisheries Service
Coastal Pelagic Species**

Fishery Actions:

Pacific Mackerel: 2005-2006 Landings: The Pacific mackerel season began on July 1, 2006 and ends on June 30, 2007. The 2006-2007 Pacific mackerel harvest guideline was 19,845 mt with a directed fishery of 13,845 mt and a reserve of 6,000mt. As of May 23, 2006, ~7,500 mt of Pacific mackerel has been landed.

Pacific Sardine: 2007 Harvest Guideline: The 2007 Pacific sardine harvest guideline is 152,564 mt. Under the allocation scheme established by Amendment 11, 35 percent or 53,397 mt of the harvest guideline was released coastwide on January 1. As of May 23, ~24,000 mt has been landed. On July 1, 40 percent or 61,025 mt of the harvest guideline, plus any portion not harvested from the initial allocation will be released.

Regulatory Actions:

Krill Amendment: NMFS submitted a letter to the Council approving Amendment 12 to Coastal pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). NMFS expects to publish a proposed rule to implement Amendment 12 in the near future. Amendment 12 to the CPS FMP amends the FMP to provide protection for all species of krill off the West Coast (i.e., California, Oregon and Washington).

Sardine Allocation Amendment: The last unfinished portion of Amendment 11 was completed with publication of the final rule to implement new reporting requirements and prohibitive measures under the CPS FMP. The purpose of the rule was to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the incidental take statement of a biological opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the implementation of Amendment 11 to the CPS FMP and its effects to the threatened southern sea otter and to provide further conservation efforts for southern sea otters.