

AMENDMENT 8

(TO THE NORTHERN ANCHOVY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN)

incorporating a name change to:

THE COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PROPOSED ACTION:

Approval and implementation of Amendment 8 to the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan for the Washington, Oregon, and California coastal pelagic species fishery.

Abstract:

The proposed action is to implement Amendment 8 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for Northern Anchovy under the provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 as amended. The FMP adds Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), Pacific (chub) mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), and market squid (*Loligo opalescens*) to the fishery management unit, which currently only covers northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), and changes the name of the FMP to "the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan". In addition, the FMP contains a system of "actively managed" and "monitored only" species to allow the direction of management and research efforts where they are most needed. The amendment also includes a limited entry program for coastal pelagic finfish species south of 39° N latitude. The amendment contains harvest policies that preserve a portion of the stocks as forage for marine mammals and birds while maintaining a stable fishery, and an essential fish habitat section, both of which conform to the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996. The document also contains a description of stocks, fisheries, and cost estimates.

OVERVIEW

Amendment 8 to the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan contains the following items:

- Executive Summary
- Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)
- Response to Comments on the FSEIS
- Regulatory Impact Review
- Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Pelagic Species
- Appendix A: Description of the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery
- Appendix B: Options and Analyses for the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan
- Appendix C: Costs Involved in Managing Coastal Pelagic Species
- Appendix D: Description and Identification of Essential Fish Habitat for the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan
- Appendix E: References