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Re: Sardines and Anchovies

Dear Chair Lowman and Council Members,

I have recently become aware that sea lion pups are washing up on California beaches dead and dying, and that seventy percent of sea lion pups are expected to die this year before they are weaned. I understand that this is because of a lack in high quality forage fish such as sardines and anchovies. Please adjust the sardine harvest framework so that enough are left in the ocean to provide for dependent predators like sea lions!

The impact of the directed fishery on the sardine population must be seriously addressed. You cannot ignore the effects of fishing on this important forage fish and the impact this is having on other marine animals that rely on this important fish as a critical part of their diet. Humans don't need sardines, but predators in the ocean do! The same goes for anchovies!

Please immediately halt sardine fishing in the Pacific and fix the fundamental Pacific sardine management framework to better account for the needs of the ecosystem. Please also fix the management framework for Northern anchovy and prioritize a population assessment for this important species. Thank you.

With utmost conviction and sincerity,


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