

CALIFORNIA CURRENT ECOSYSTEM REPORT INCLUDING INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

The Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) calls for an annual report to the Council on status and trends in the California Current Ecosystem. The Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Team, comprised of staff from the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers, has produced its fourth Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report.

The purpose of the Report is to present ecosystem information for the California Current Ecosystem to the Council in a succinct, straightforward format so that the Council may take into account ecosystem variability in its decisions. The Report synthesizes data to present key environmental, biological, and socioeconomic indicators. Trends in physical, biological, and socioeconomic components of the ecosystem – taking into account the effects of fisheries and other human activities – are thus highlighted.

Drs. Chris Harvey and Toby Garfield will present an overview of the Report on behalf of the IEA Team.

Council Action:

Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1.a, NMFS Report 1: California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Team, California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) State of the California Current Report, 2015.
2. Agenda Item D.1.a, NMFS Report 2: CCIEA Supplementary Materials.

Agenda Order:

- D.1 California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Kit Dahl
- a. Report of the IEA Team Chris Harvey, Toby Garfield
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report