

ANCHOVY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

At its November 2015 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) requested the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to explore alternative management and policy approaches to anchovy management, and report back to the Council in fall 2016. The Council also tasked Council staff with placing consideration of moving to more active management of anchovy fishing on a future Council meeting agenda.

The CPSMT developed a draft white paper that describes generally what management options are available under the CPS fishery management plan (FMP). Although the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CNSA) was the focus of the Council's request, the white paper applies to all managed CPS stocks. The 'options' in the white paper describe pathways that could be utilized to change harvest specifications, reference points, or harvest control rules, should the Council take action in the future. It should be noted that the Council is not obligated to select one of these options. Rather, they are described in the white paper for reference purposes.

Council Action:

1. **Consider and discuss the anchovy management white paper.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.3.a, CPSMT Report: Anchovy Management White Paper.
2. Agenda Item E.3.a, USFWS Report.
3. Agenda Item E.3.b, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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| E.3 | Anchovy Management Update | Kerry Griffin |
| a. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Action: Discuss and Provide Guidance on Future Anchovy Fishery Management. | |