

ANNUAL STATE OF THE CALIFORNIA CURRENT ECOSYSTEM REPORT

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

As part of the just-completed Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative, the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup recommended that annually, the Council provide suggestions to the Centers on which portions of, and topics within, the Annual Report should be improved in the coming year ([EWG Supplemental Report 2, September 2016](#)). The EWG termed these areas for improving or expanding the report “focal topics” for that year’s work. Delivery of the 2017 Annual Report is an opportune time for the Council to recommend focal topics and other improvements for future annual reports.

Council Action:

Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report and Make Recommendations on Focal Topic Areas for Future Annual Reports.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 1: California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Team, California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) State of the California Current Report, 2017.
2. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 2: CCIEA Supplementary Materials.

Agenda Order:

- F.1 Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report 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 and Make Recommendations on Focal Topic Areas for Future Annual Reports

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