

## 2014 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFP) NOTICE OF INTENT

The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) allows for exempted fishing permit (EFP) activities to be conducted under a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Council Operating Procedure (COP) 23 was adopted in 2012, which outlines the process for proposing EFPs. In recent years, the Council has considered proposals to conduct EFP activities at the March and April meetings, but COP 23 calls for an initial notice of intent to be submitted in the November briefing book, with final action typically occurring at the March Council meeting.

One EFP proposal is included for consideration (Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 1), from the Northwest Aerial Survey, LLC, which has conducted sardine aerial survey work since 2008. Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 2 (*electronic only*) is the prior year's EFP proposal, including an addendum and supplemental tables.

At this meeting, the Council will consider adopting the proposal for public review.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt EFP proposal for public review.**
- 2. Determine amount to be set aside for EFP research.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 1: NWSS EFP proposal and request.
2. Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 2 ***Electronic only***: NWSS prior EFP proposal including addendum and supplemental tables.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review

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