

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2014 EXEMPTED
FISHING PERMIT NOTICE OF INTENT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) received an informal presentation from the Northwest Sardine Survey, LLC, and considered a notice of intent for a 2014 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP).

Although the aerial survey data was intended to be used to augment data from stock assessments, the survey also provides valuable stand-alone information on the distribution of the sardine stock. The CPSAS unanimously supports adopting the Pacific Northwest aerial survey Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) proposal for public review.

The amount of set aside for the EFP was not discussed, and will be presumably provided prior to the April 2014, Council meeting. The CPSAS recommends modifying Council Operating Procedure 23 as appropriate in order to align the submission and review of EFP applications with the new fishery start date. EFP participants noted that due to the change in the start date for the sardine fishery, the cost of analyzing the aerial photos will be reduced and the time available to analyze data from the survey has increased.

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