

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
2014 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) FOR NOTICE OF INTENT

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the notice of intent to conduct another Pacific Northwest aerial sardine survey under the Council's exempted fishing permit process. No written report on the 2013 Northwest Aerial Sardine Survey was provided to the SSC. Due to extensive fog, the 2013 survey was unable to proceed as planned, and returned half of the 3,000 ton harvest quantity originally allocated for the survey. The SSC expects to see a full report of the 2013 survey at our March 2014 Pacific Council meeting, and we will provide a more detailed review then. A broader review of this survey approach should be conducted next year, perhaps in conjunction with a review of the southern California survey.

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