

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON  
UPDATING THE LIST OF FISHERIES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EDPT) report addressing revisions to the Federal list of fisheries and gear (Agenda Item H.1.b, Supplemental EPDT Report). The CPSMT acknowledges the difficulty in developing a comprehensive yet concise list of fisheries and commends the EPDT's effort on this task.

The CPSMT believes the revised list is acceptable in meeting the Council's directive to describe authorized fisheries and gear in the most specific and narrow terms possible and, as updated, correctly captures existing fisheries managed under the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Further, it leads to better protection of unmanaged forage fish by removing Pacific saury, in particular, and limiting gears in the general non-FMP commercial fishery category (Table 2, #18) to those impractical for commercial harvest of forage fish.

The CPSMT notes there is no separate category for recreational CPS fisheries under Item 3 (Table 2) in the EPDT report. However, Item 18b of Table 2 includes recreational CPS fisheries and presents the suite of recreational gears permitted by one or more of the three states for CPS. This approach is consistent with the CPS FMP which does not specifically establish management measures for recreational CPS fisheries. The CPS FMP recognizes that states regulate recreational catch and gear, but maintains the authority to establish regulations in Federal waters if deemed necessary.

In conclusion, the CPSMT recommends that the updated list of fisheries be adopted for public review.