

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON UPDATE LIST OF FISHERIES

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) perceives a potential conflict between the proposed Federal List of Authorized West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone Fisheries and Gear (list of fisheries) in Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1 and the Pacific Fishery Management Council's intent under Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 1 to protect forage species. Item 10 (Squid, all species except market squid) is a broad category that includes species of pelagic squid (e.g. boreal clubhook, neon flying) that are also listed in the draft list of pelagic forage fishes under Initiative 1. The EAS recognizes this as an important issue that is more appropriately resolved under Initiative 1. On this basis, the EAS recommends approval of the proposed list of fisheries.

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