
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This fishery management plan (FMP) for coastal pelagic species (CPS) constitutes Amendment 8 to the northern anchovy FMP. Amendment 8 adds Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), Pacific (chub) mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), and market squid (*Loligo opalescens*) to the fishery management unit, which currently only covers northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), and changes the name of the FMP to "The Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Pelagic Species." In addition, the amendment contains a system of "Active" and "Monitored" management categories to allow the direction of management and research efforts where they are most needed. The amendment also includes a limited entry program for coastal pelagic finfish species south of 39° N latitude. The amendment contains harvest policies that preserve a portion of the stocks as forage for marine mammals and birds while maintaining a stable fishery, and an essential fish habitat section, both of which conform to the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

An Environmental Impact Statement and Regulatory Impact Review were prepared for Amendment 8. To avoid duplication, these documents precede the fishery management plan and its appendices, and incorporate analysis from those documents by reference to specific sections. Appendix A contains a description of the stocks and fisheries; Appendix B contains options considered by the Council and analysis of those options; Appendix C contains cost estimates for the plan amendment; Appendix D provides a description of essential fish habitat as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act; and Appendix E provides references.