

AMENDMENT 8

(TO THE NORTHERN ANCHOVY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN)

incorporating a name change to:

THE COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PROPOSED ACTION:

Approval and implementation of Amendment 8 to the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan for the Washington, Oregon, and California coastal pelagic species fishery.

Abstract:

The proposed action is to implement Amendment 8 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for Northern Anchovy under the provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 as amended. The FMP 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 Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan". In addition, the FMP contains a system of "actively managed" and "monitored only" species 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 of 1996. The document also contains a description of stocks, fisheries, and cost estimates.

OVERVIEW

Amendment 8 to the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan contains the following items:

- Executive Summary
- Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)
- Response to Comments on the FSEIS
- Regulatory Impact Review
- Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Pelagic Species
- Appendix A: Description of the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery
- Appendix B: Options and Analyses for the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan
- Appendix C: Costs Involved in Managing Coastal Pelagic Species
- Appendix D: Description and Identification of Essential Fish Habitat for the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan
- Appendix E: References

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.

