

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM STATEMENT ON EXEMPTED FISHING
PERMITS TO HARVEST ANCHOVY IN CLOSED AREA

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the exempted fishing permit (EFP) application to fish for Northern anchovy in the District 10 closed area off San Francisco, California. While the CPSMT supports issuance of the EFP, the CPSMT stresses the importance of closely monitoring this fishery. Concerns about protected species (e.g., marine mammals and salmon) and the possibility of user group conflicts (i.e., between commercial and recreational fisheries) warrant requiring at-sea observer coverage and other management measures to record bycatch. The primary reason the CPSMT supports issuance of this EFP is the opportunity it provides to document (at-sea) bycatch in roundhaul fisheries. This information, if collected, will be important in assessing the adequacy of current bycatch management measures under the coastal pelagic species fishery management plan.

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