

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FMP AMENDMENT 9: BYCATCH, SQUID MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE
YIELD, TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS

Situation: In June 1999, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) disapproved portions of the coastal pelagic species (CPS) fishery management plan (FMP). Optimum yield for market squid was disapproved because there was no estimate of maximum sustainable yield (MSY). The bycatch provisions were disapproved because there was no standardized reporting method for CPS fishery bycatch, and no explanation as to the practicality of additional measures to minimize bycatch and the mortality of unavoidable bycatch. Amendment 9 (Attachment 1) to the CPS FMP was developed to address these disapproved portions of the FMP. Specifically, Amendment 9 describes alternatives for: minimizing and accounting for bycatch in CPS fisheries; determining MSY and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for market squid; and addressing tribal fishing rights.

At the June 2000 Council meeting, NMFS and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) briefed the Council on Amendment 9 to the CPS FMP. Based upon their review and the advice of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Council adopted Amendment 9 for public review.

At this meeting, Council staff will summarize written public comment, and the CPSMT will be available to discuss specific details of the plan amendment. In the draft plan, the Council has specified preferred options for the alternatives pertaining to bycatch. However, preferred options have not been identified for determining market squid MSY and ABC, nor for the alternatives proposed to address tribal fishing rights. The Council will need to select options for final recommendation to NMFS.

Council Action:

1. Consider Final Adoption of FMP Amendment 9.

Reference Materials:

1. Draft CPS FMP Plan Amendment (Exhibit I.1, Attachment 1).
2. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife comments on Amendment 9 (Exhibit I.1.b, WDFW Comment).
3. Public Comment (Exhibit I.1.c, Public Comment).
4. Supplemental CPSAS Report on Amendment 9 (Exhibit I.1.b, Supplemental CPSAS Report).

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