

SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT ON COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was able to expedite the processing of the sardine emergency reallocation as requested by the Council to be effective on September 20, 2002. This should not be taken as a precedent for future actions. There will be no such emergency action in 2003 as the Council will have considerable time to consider and decide whether a change in the allocation process or criteria is warranted and for NMFS to act on any proposals to that effect.

The final rule setting the Pacific mackerel harvest guideline was published in the *Federal Register* on October 3, 2002 (67 FR 61994).

Following the meeting of the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and Advisory Subpanel meetings, a proposed rule setting the Pacific sardine harvest guideline has been prepared and forwarded to NMFS headquarters for publication in the *Federal Register*.

On October 3, 2002, a Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 62001). Proposed rules will be published this week (October 28-November 1).

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