

## FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT–SARDINE ALLOCATION

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will receive a report from the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) about draft alternatives for allocation of the Pacific sardine harvest guideline.

At the June 2004 meeting, the Council initiated an amendment (Amendment 11) to the CPS fishery management plan (FMP). The primary purpose of the FMP amendment is to address allocation of the annual Pacific sardine harvest guideline. The FMP amendment is intended to ensure optimal utilization of the resource and equitably allocate harvest opportunity. The Council tasked the CPSAS with initial development of a range of allocation alternatives. At the September 2004 meeting, the CPSAS presented a broad range of allocation alternatives and requested Council guidance. The Council supported the work of the CPSAS and directed them to narrow the range of alternatives for Council consideration at the November 2004 meeting.

The CPSAS met September 28-29, 2004 to narrow the range of allocation alternatives. Their report (Agenda Item G.3.b, CPSAS Report) details the alternatives. Based on the advice of the CPSAS and public comment, the Council should consider if the range of alternatives developed by the CPSAS is adequate to begin development of analytical documents. If the Council concludes the current range of alternatives is sufficient, they should consider tasking the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team with development of analyses for Council consideration at a future meeting.

The CPSAS Objectives for an allocation program (as outlined in the September 2004 CPSAS Report) are:

- Strive for simplicity and flexibility in developing an allocation scheme.
- Transfer quota as needed.
- Utilize optimum yield.
- Implement a plan that balances maximizing value and historic dependence on sardine.
- Implement a plan that shares the pain equally at reduced harvest guideline levels.

### **Council Action:**

**Adopt a preliminary range of sardine allocation alternatives for analysis.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.3.b, CPSAS Report.
4. Agenda Item G.3.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Sardine Allocation

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