

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON  
SAFE DOCUMENT AND FIVE-YEAR EFH REVIEW

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) has reviewed Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) essential fish habitat (EFH) and maintains the conclusion reported in September 2004 that we are “not aware of any new information that could warrant modification of current EFH designations for CPS. Moreover, there appears to be no evidence to support development of static definitions of CPS EFH as opposed to the current dynamic definition. That is, CPS EFH is linked to ocean temperatures, which shift temporally and spatially, providing a dynamic definition of EFH.”

In 2004, the Council and NMFS agreed on a procedure to fulfill the five-year review requirement by requesting the CPSMT write a detailed report of their review of CPS EFH. The CPSMT has completed the *Status of the Pacific Coast Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery and Recommended Acceptable Biological Catches – Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) 2005* (Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 1). As requested by the Council and NMFS, Chapter 13 of the 2005 SAFE document contains this detailed report on the procedures, required documentation, and CPSMT conclusions relative to CPS EFH.

The CPSMT recommends the Council maintain the existing definition of CPS EFH and complete the five-year review of CPS EFH by adopting the 2005 SAFE document.

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