

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON AN EXEMPTED
FISHING PERMIT (EFP) FOR SARDINE RESEARCH

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) reviewed and discussed the exempted fishing permit application for a Pacific Coast sardine survey to utilize the 2,400 mt set-aside recommended by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and approved by the Council at its November 2008 and March 2009 meetings for survey work in the second period of the 2009 directed fishery. The CPSAS supports the application and unanimously recommends its implementation and its adoption by the Council. The CPSAS understands that survey design and implementation will be under the oversight of Dr. Tom Jagielo and Dr. Vidar Wespestad with Dr. Doyle Hanan coordinating the California field work.

The application was vetted by the May 2009 Stock Assessment Review Panel and SSC, including a finding that the 2,400 mt is a crucial element of the survey. The CPSAS looks forward to a successful survey in 2009 also anticipates that this survey work will continue into the future.

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