EMERGENCY IN-SEASON ACTION IN THE 2014-2015 PACIFIC SARDINE FISHERY

Under this agenda item, the Council will consider emergency in-season action to implement changes to the current Pacific sardine fishery. Under Agenda Item J.1, the Council discussed the 2014 biomass estimate, the corrected biomass estimate, and harvest specification levels as they may have been different under a lower biomass estimate. This information is included in three supplemental reports submitted by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report), the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report), and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report). The Council will have updated landings information available for discussion under Agenda Item J.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report.

In the event the Council wishes to take emergency action, the motion will need to state reasons justifying the emergency in accordance with the criteria shown in the Federal Regulatory guidance section of Agenda Item J.1, Supplemental Attachment 1.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider changes to the remainder of the 2014-15 sardine fishery.
- 2. Consider any changes in incidental harvest allowances in other fisheries and other sources of mortality.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item J.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report.
- 2. Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report.
- 3. Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report.
- 4. Agenda Item J.1.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report.

Agenda Order:

- J.2 Emergency In-Season Action in the 2014-2015 Pacific Sardine Fishery Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Consider Emergency Action for Changes to the 2014-15 Pacific Sardine Fishery

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