

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON THE
ECOSYSTEM-BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT POLICY OF THE
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Policy (Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFSC Report 1). This policy provides the purpose, benefits, and six guiding principles to direct implementation of ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM). The purpose of the CPSMT's review was to evaluate the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Fishery Ecosystem Plan for consistency with NMFS Policy.

The CPSMT finds the Council's FEP aligns with the EBFM policy. It prescribes or provides an avenue for incorporating many of the actions the Policy identified to facilitate incorporation of ecosystem considerations into fishery science advice and management decision-making.

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