

ARTISANAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT ISSUE SCOPING

At its April 2016 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) asked the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to explore management options to allow for small-scale directed fishing to continue when the directed sardine fishery has closed. The issue became apparent during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Pacific sardine fishing seasons, when all directed sardine fishing was precluded, except for limited amounts of tribal harvest and live bait fishing.

The CPSMT has compiled data on small-scale fishing activities, and has identified a handful of options that would allow this type of fishing to continue even when the directed fishery is otherwise closed. All options would require an amendment of the CPS FMP, although there are variables the Council will need to consider. For example, should the activity apply only to Pacific sardines, or would it also include other CPS stocks? Which gears would be covered? And what would be the appropriate trip limit size?

The CPSMT provided general background information (Agenda Item E.4.a, CPSMT Report), and will provide additional information supplementally, including a summary of landings from various small-scale sectors.

Council Task:

1. **Consider the CPSMT report on small-scale artisanal fishing.**
2. **Consider establishing a process and timeline for amending the CPS FMP.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.4.a, CPSMT Report.

Agenda Order:

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| E.4 Artisanal Fishery Management Issue Scoping | Kerry Griffin |
| a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. Public Comment | |
| c. Council Action: Scope Issues and Provide Guidance on a Future Process and Schedule for Artisanal Fishery Management Alternatives | |