

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE FISHERY MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) supports providing opportunities for small-scale coastal pelagic species (CPS) finfish fisheries that have been precluded from fishing and/or harvesting even *de minimis* amounts of a CPS when directed fishing for that CPS is closed. As described in our report under this agenda item, (Agenda Item G.3.a, CPSMT Report), the CPSMT proposed a range of alternatives for Council consideration and potential selection of a preliminary preferred alternative.

Briefly, the proposed range of alternatives includes the following, applicable when the directed fishery for a CPS finfish is closed:

1. Status quo
2. Allow a trip limit up to a maximum of 0.5 mt for the CPS
3. Allow a trip limit up to a maximum of 1.0 mt for the CPS

The CPSMT recommends adopting the range of alternatives for public review with final action scheduled for April 2017. Based on public comment and consultation with the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and Enforcement Consultants, the CPSMT concurs with the CPSAS regarding selection of a preliminary preferred alternative within this range of alternatives.

The CPSMT recommends selection of Alternative 3 as the preliminary preferred alternative, with the modification that only one trip, with a maximum of 1.0 mt, is allowed per vessel per day. The estimated impacts for this modification to Alternative 3 will be similar to those described for this Alternative in Agenda Item G.3.a CPSMT Report because the majority of small-scale operations did not make more than one trip per day. If adopted, the CPSMT will monitor landings and report to the Council if any issues arise.