

SMALL-SCALE FISHERY MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

At its September 2016 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) asked the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to develop alternatives to allow small-scale directed fishing to continue when directed Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) fisheries are 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. Small producers in the bait and human consumption markets were also closed down.

At that meeting, the Council also adopted a scope for this action that includes the following:

- Include all managed CPS finfish (two stocks of northern anchovy, Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, and jack mackerel)
- Include all currently-allowed CPS fishing gears
- No additional permits are required
- Landing limits are expressed in terms of a daily and/or trip limit
- Landing limits are one metric ton per trip or less

The CPSMT developed alternatives around 0.5 metric ton (mt) or 1.0 mt trip limits, and provided additional information to gauge potential impacts (Agenda Item G.3.a, CPSMT Report). At this meeting, the Council will consider the range of alternatives, and may select a preliminary preferred alternative. Final action is scheduled for April 2017.

Council Task:

1. **Consider the CPSMT report on small-scale fishing.**
2. **Adopt a range of alternatives and select a preliminary preferred alternative.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3.a, CPSMT Report.

Agenda Order:

G.3 Small-Scale Fishery Management Alternatives

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- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Policy Alternatives for Small-Scale Fishery Management; Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives as Appropriate