

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
LIVE BAIT FISHERY ALLOWANCE AMENDMENT SCOPING

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) reviewed and discussed agenda item F.1, including the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) report on live bait fishery allowance amendment. The EC met with CPSMT representatives to solicit feedback and clarify questions from the report. The EC has the following comments:

For overfished CPS stocks in the live bait fishery, the EC notes the current 15 percent incidental take or any other take allowances may be unenforceable in California given the current status of monitoring and reporting requirements. The EC recommends consideration of instituting monitoring and catch accountability reporting requirements such as mandatory logbooks or electronic fish tickets.

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