

AMENDMENT 17: LIVE BAIT FISHERY ALLOWANCE

At its June 2018 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) initiated a fishery management plan (FMP) amendment process to address take in the live bait fishery when a CPS stock is overfished. Currently, the FMP limits the live bait fishery to 15 percent incidental landings for stocks declared to be overfished. The Council directed the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to develop a range of alternatives (ROA) for potential changes to this provision, and to develop additional background information on the reporting requirements for the live bait fishery.

At this meeting, the Council will consider a ROA document (Agenda Item C.1.a, CPSMT Report 1), and is expected to give guidance on the proposed alternatives, any additional alternatives, as well as future analyses. Final action is tentatively scheduled for the November 2018 Council meeting in San Diego, California. The Council is scheduled to adopt a ROA, and may adopt a preliminary preferred alternative.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt a range of alternatives.**
- 2. Consider adopting a Preliminary Preferred Alternative.**
- 3. Provide further guidance as needed.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, CPSMT Report 1.
2. Agenda Item C.1.b, Public Comment 1.

Agenda Order:

- C.1 Amendment 17: Live Bait Fishery Allowance Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and Consider Adoption of a Preliminary Preferred Alternative