

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON AMENDMENT 17:  
LIVE BAIT FISHERY ALLOWANCE FINAL ACTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) met jointly to discuss the proposed Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment on live bait fishing when a CPS stock is overfished, described in the CPSMT report (Agenda Item E.3.a, CPSMT Report 1) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) report (Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1).

The proposed amendment language for Alternative 2 is consistent with the Council's direction to only address harvest by the live bait fishery when a stock is overfished. Nevertheless, the team has heard concerns about the proposed CPS FMP amendments being outside of the scope of this action by possibly addressing other fisheries.

The CPSMT would like to clarify that the proposed text amendment to 4.6.2.1 (which only applies to Pacific sardine) does not go outside the scope for this action. Section 5.2 of the CPS FMP already allows, at Council discretion, for minor directed fishing when a stock is overfished (Amendment 16). Additionally, the CPS FMP does not dictate tribal fisheries allowances when a stock is overfished.

If there is concern that the change to 4.6.2.1 would then allow directed fishing by the large scale commercial sector, the CPSMT notes that 5.1.1 prohibits directed fishing by the large scale commercial CPS fisheries when a stock is overfished.

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