

COASTAL PELAGIC FISHERIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PRELIMINARY
REVIEW OF NEW 2019 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs)

In a joint meeting with the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT), the CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) discussed two notices of intent for EFPs by the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) and the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCPCG). Both collaborative projects are designed to address the need for data to assess CPS biomass inshore of current Acoustic Trawl Method (ATM) surveys, as identified in both the 2017 sardine stock assessment review and the 2018 ATM review.

Both the WCPCG and CWPA are working collaboratively with the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in an effort to improve survey data collection, which will lead to better-informed stock assessments and fishery management. The CPSAS urges the Council to adopt these EFP proposals for public review.

PFMC
11/04/18