

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
2019 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFPs) – FINAL APPROVAL

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed two coastal pelagic species (CPS) exempted fishing permit (EFP) proposals submitted by the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) and the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (Agenda Item E.2, Attachments [1](#) and [2](#)). Ms. Diane Pleschner-Steele and Mr. Mike Okoniewski were available to answer questions.

One of the objectives of the CWPA proposal ([Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1](#)) is to provide a bias correction factor for the aerial survey for Monterey area – central California coast. The SSC recommends a survey design to support testing the hypothesis that the correction factor for central California is the same as it is for southern California. The SSC also recommends updating table A1 to include information collected since 2010, and reporting more details in the progress report ([Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 3](#)). These details were communicated to the applicants.

The SSC supports the two EFPs moving forward and commends the applicants for their dedication to the continued research needed to improve biomass and variance estimates for CPS.

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