

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON CENTRAL  
SUBPOPULATION OF NORTHERN ANCHOVY LITIGATION RESPONSE

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the April 2019 proposed rule ([Agenda Item E.5, Supplemental Attachment 3](#)) from the National Marine Fisheries Service for setting a revised overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and annual catch limit (ACL) for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy. The CPSMT sees the proposed rule as a viable replacement to the vacated OFL, ABC, and ACL. The proposed rule maintains a substantial buffer that should prevent overfishing. Therefore, the rule could remain in place until the Council has better information that merits a revision of these reference points.

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