

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PRELIMINARY
REVIEW OF NEW 2019 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) discussed requests for two exempted fishing permits (EFP) by the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA), in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCPCG), in cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Both collaborative projects intend to address the continuing need for data to assess CPS biomass inshore of current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Acoustic Trawl Method surveys.

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

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