

Agenda Item D.3 Pacific Sardine Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action

Council Action:

- Adopt the Pacific Sardine Assessment and Pacific sardine OFL.
- Select P^* , ABC, annual catch limit, and, if appropriate, annual catch target specifications and management measures.
- Adopt incidental catch allowances for CPS and non-CPS fisheries.

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Motion: Briana Brady; 2nd by: Bob Dooley

I move the Council adopt:

1. The Pacific Sardine Assessment (Agenda Item D3, Attachment 1) and OFL of 5,525 mt for the 2020-2021 season, as noted in Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1,
2. A P* 0.40, ABC of 4,288 mt and an ACL equal to ABC, and an ACT of 4,000 mt as listed in Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1, Table 2,
3. A 20% incidental catch allowance for commercial CPS fisheries, except live bait and minor directed,
4. Directed take to be allowed for the live bait fishery without incidental limits with a per trip limit of 1 mt of Pacific sardine if the live bait fishery attains 2,500 mt,
5. If the ACT of 4,000 mt is attained, a 1 mt per trip limit of Pacific sardine would apply to live bait, and a 1 mt per trip limit of incidentally caught Pacific sardine would apply to commercial CPS fisheries,
6. An incidental per trip allowance of 2 mt of Pacific sardine in non-CPS fisheries,

In addition, I recommend the Council advise NMFS that we support issuance of the Exempted fishing permit requests as submitted in D.3.b Public Comment by CWPA and by WCPCG (November 2019, Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2)

Motion passed unanimously.

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