

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON PRELIMINARY
REVIEW OF NEW EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS FOR 2021

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed three notices of intent to reapply for exempted fishing permits (EFP) for 2021, one from the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCPCG) (Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1) and two from the California Wetfish Producers Association (Agenda Item H.1, Attachments 2 and 3). Both parties intend to re-apply for exemptions from any potential restrictions on directed fishing for Pacific sardine during the 2021-2022 sardine fishing season.

The CPSMT recognizes the value of this work and endorses adopting the three EFPs for public review.

The CPSMT sees merit in the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) statement (Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1) regarding the inconsistency in the role of the SSC in review of EFPs under the respective Council Operating Procedures. If the Council would like to have this process reviewed then the CPSMT can report back at a later meeting.

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