

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FISHERY
ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – FINAL ACTION

Several members of the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) attended a virtual webinar on February 22, 2021 presented by the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) on updates to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Five-Year Review, and the entire CPSMT reviewed EWG Reports 1 and 2 under Agenda Item I.3.a.

The CPSMT commends the EWG on the revised version of Chapter 3 of the FEP and appreciates the improvements made, including incorporation of the input provided by Council advisory bodies. The CPSMT's review of Chapter 4 would benefit from more time to evaluate content. The CPSMT intends to complete its review at the April Council meeting.

After reviewing the outline of Chapter 5, the CPSMT agrees that this information would serve well as a stand-alone document and also supports the current outline. However, we recommend that as the EWG reviews and updates the text of each section they keep in mind that as a stand-alone document for non-council entities, the document may benefit from additional information in the document itself or as an appendix. One example noted by the CPSMT was that maps of Essential Fish Habitat in Section 3 would be greatly beneficial to non-Council entities. Another example might be the fishery participation connectivity or network information presented in the March 2021 Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Report 1 and in the revised Chapter 3 of the FEP.

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