

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
REVIEW OF ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) reviewed the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) Report 1 under this agenda item, as well as the literature review report prepared by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and received an update from Dr. Emmanis Dorval and Ms. Lorna Wargo regarding both documents. We appreciate all the work that has already gone into Phase 1 of the CPS Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review and offer the following comments and recommendations for the Council's consideration.

The CPSAS supports the CPSMT's recommendation that the Council advance this EFH review to Phase 2. We also concur with the CPSMT's proposed task list of "next steps," from page 6 of their report, as the Council considers the scope and objectives for this second phase of the review. Additionally, we echo the CPSMT's recommendation that Phase 2 include a thorough description of non-fishing impacts on CPS EFH, including climate change, ocean acidification, and offshore development such as renewable energy and aquaculture projects.

The CPSAS thanks the Council for its consideration of our comments.

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