

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF NEW EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS FOR 2022

The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) allows for exempted fishing permit (EFP) activities to be conducted under a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under Council Operating Procedure (COP) 23, an initial notice of intent is to be submitted for the November Briefing Book, with final action typically occurring at the subsequent April Council meeting.

Three notices of intent are included in the November Briefing Book materials. One is for biological sampling in California (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1), submitted by the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA), another is for point sets supporting aerial survey activities in California (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2), also submitted by the CWPA, and the third is for biological sampling in the Pacific Northwest to support acoustic-trawl survey research, submitted by the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3). All three are for continuing EFP activities that have been approved the past several years.

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to adopt the preliminary EFP proposals for public review, with final approval scheduled for April 2022.

Council Action:

Adopt preliminary EFP proposals for public review.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1: California Wetfish Producers Association Notice of Intent and Proposal for Biological Sampling.
2. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2: California Wetfish Producers Association Notice of Intent and Proposal for Aerial Survey Point Sets.
3. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3: West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group Notice of Intent and Proposal for Biological Sampling.

Agenda Order:

- I.1 Preliminary Review of New Exempted Fishing Permits for 2022 Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review