COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel met jointly to review the materials in the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) November Briefing Book for this agenda item, focusing primarily on the Marine Planning Committee (MPC) Report (Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental MPC Report 1). The CPSMT agrees with the recommendations in the MPC report and thanks them for their excellent work. The CPSMT appreciates that fisheries data from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and additional data from the National Marine Fisheries Service on ecosystem, protected species, and essential fish habitat mentioned in both the MPC report and the draft letter (Agenda Item C.2, Supplemental Attachment 1) will be included before call areas are designated. The CPSMT would like to let both the Council and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management know that those data will not include all CPS fisheries data off Oregon. Additional CPS fisheries spatial data work is currently underway, and data from the sardine fishery is anticipated to be available before the end of 2022 and should be ready in time to be considered if and when leasing actually occurs and the Environmental Impact Statement for those leases is prepared.

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