

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PRELIMINARY
REVIEW OF NEW 2022 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) discussed three notices of intent to reapply for exempted fishing permits (EFP) for 2022: two from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) ([Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1](#) and [Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2](#)) and one from the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCP) ([Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3](#)). All collaborative projects intend to address the continuing need for data to assess CPS biomass inshore of current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Acoustic Trawl Method surveys.

Both the WCP and CWPA are working collaboratively with the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in an effort to improve survey data collection that will lead to better-informed stock assessments and fishery management. The CPSAS urges the Council to adopt these EFP proposals for public review with final approval scheduled for April 2022.

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