

## FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES – FINAL ACTION

In June 2019, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) directed the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to draft proposed Fishery Management Plan (FMP) language to eliminate the distinction between the Active and Monitored management categories while preserving the flexibility embedded in the CPS FMP and maintaining consistency with National Standards. The amendatory language would not change the management, harvest control rules, and reference points for the stocks in the FMP, but simply remove the labels of categories, including Active, Monitored, and Prohibited.

At its November 2021 meeting, the Council adopted proposed CPS FMP amendatory language for public review, with final action scheduled for the April 2022 Council meeting. The proposed language, in underline/strikethrough format, is included as Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 1. The Council also directed the CPSMT to explore adding FMP text referencing Council Operating Procedure 9 and the CPS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, to reflect further CPS management schedule details.

A CPSMT report (Agenda Item E.4.a, CPSMT Report 1) includes additional background information as well as an option for clarifying language based on Council guidance from November 2021.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt Final Fishery Management Plan Amendatory Language.**
- 2. Provide Guidance as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.4 Attachment 1, CPS FMP amendatory language.
2. Agenda Item E.4.a, CPSMT Report 1.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- E.4 Fishery Management Plan Management Categories - Final Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Fishery Management Plan Amendatory Language