

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
REVIEW OF FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVES

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed the March 2022 statement of the Ecosystem Working Group (EWG) on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Initiatives and draft updates to the FEP appendix ([Agenda Item H.3.a, EWG Report 1, March 2022](#)). The CPSMT supports the EWG recommendations for revising the FEP Appendix.

While the CPSMT recognizes the value of each of the nine potential ecosystem initiatives described in the FEP Appendix, future climate driven changes to the already dynamic nature of CPS stocks and the entire California Current Ecosystem lead the CPSMT to consider the following potential initiatives the most beneficial for CPS fisheries management:

- *2.1 Ecosystem and Climate Information for Species, Fisheries, and Fishery Management Plans;*
- *2.2 Science Policy and Planning for Understanding the Effects of Oceanographic Conditions and Recruitment on Council-Managed Finfish Species;*
- *2.6 Supporting Fishery and Fishing Community Resilience;*
- *2.8 Assess Flexibility in Fisheries Management Process.*

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