

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON EXEMPTED  
FISHING PERMITS FOR 2022-2023 – FINAL ACTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed three proposals for exempted fishing permits (EFP): two from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) (Agenda Item E.2, Attachments [1](#) and [2](#)) and one from the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCP) (Agenda Item E.2, Attachment [3](#)). Both parties are re-applying for exemptions from any potential restrictions on directed fishing for Pacific sardine during the 2022-2023 sardine fishing season. The CPSMT sees value in the data collected from these EFPs for use in the stock assessment and recommends the Council endorse all three EFP applications including the amount requested in each EFP.

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