

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES- FINAL ACTION

As directed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in November 2021 ([Decision Document, November 2021](#)), the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) explored adding references to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9 and the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report into the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) as part of the action amending the CPS FMP to remove references to the “Active” and “Monitored” management categories. [CPSMT Report 1](#) proposes potential additions that address the Council action. The CPSMT discussed whether these additions fit within the scope of the amendment and provides the following recommendations.

**The CPSMT recommends adopting the edits in [Attachment 1](#) to remove the references to “Monitored” and “Active” categories from the FMP without changing the management approaches for CPS stocks.**

**The CPSMT recommends addressing references to COP 9 and the SAFE in a separate Council FMP housekeeping action.** The CPSMT supports this action to enhance clarity by providing direction on where to find specific management schedules and processes. However, the proposed management categories action was only intended to remove the terms “Active” and “Monitored” from the FMP (see [Agenda Item F.4, June 2019, Meeting Record](#)). Adding reference to COP 9 and additional references to the SAFE, which are not related to removing the “Active” and “Monitored” categories, may conflate the two issues and are more appropriately addressed through a previously discussed “housekeeping” amendment (requested in June 2019 [Agenda Item F.4 Supplemental Revised CPSMT Report 1](#)).

To that end, the CPSMT recommends the Council consider adding an FMP housekeeping amendment agenda item at the November 2022 meeting. The CPSMT will further address the timing of this proposed housekeeping action under agenda item H.3, future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.