

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON EXEMPTED  
FISHING PERMITS FOR 2023-2024 – FINAL ACTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed two proposals for exempted fishing permits (EFP) from the California Wetfish Producers Association (Agenda Item H.2, [Attachments 1](#) and [2](#)). The CPSMT sees value in the data collected from these EFPs for use in stock assessments and recommends the Council endorse both EFP applications. The CPSMT acknowledges that the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group has withdrawn their EFP request ([Attachment 3](#)) as this work now falls under the scientific research permit for the survey activities performed by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and appreciates that it will continue to help inform management.

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