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Sent Via Email

Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Gorelnik:

By this letter, I am approving Amendment 20 to the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). As you know, Amendment 20 removes stock management category terms “Active” and “Monitored” from the FMP and incorporates additional modifications necessary to eliminate the concept of categorical assignments and ensure the flow and readability of the FMP. Specifically, this action removes references to these named management categories, but does not to revise the manner in which the CPS stocks are managed. Amendment 20 is intended to address a perceived lack of clarity regarding the meaning and use of the terms “Active” and “Monitored” while maintaining the existing management structure in the FMP.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a Notice of Availability of Amendment 20 on March 23, 2023 (88 FR 17515) and an associated proposed rule to implement Amendment 20 on April 6, 2023 (RIN 0648-BM14, 88 FR 20456). We have submitted a final rule for publication in the *Federal Register*, including a response to comments, to announce approval and implementation of Amendment 20. Regulations implementing Amendment 20 will include revised Federal regulations at 50 CFR 660.502 and 660.511 to remove the terms “Actively Managed Species” and “monitored stocks.” We expect the final rule to publish in July 2023. The changes to the FMP are effective upon the date of this letter; the changes to Federal regulations will be effective 30 days after the final rule publishes.

NMFS appreciate the Council’s collaboration on CPS management. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Wulff, Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Region, at 916-930-3733.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

