

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON THE NATIONAL STANDARD 4, 8, AND 9 CONSIDERATIONS TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) discussed the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for National Standards 4, 8, and 9 at our webinar meeting on September 5, 2023. If the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) decides to write a letter of comment on the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (88 FR 30934, May 15, 2023), the EWG suggests that the Council include the Goals and Objectives (Section 1.3) of its Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) as an appendix to that letter. When this Council updated its FEP over 2019-2022, the updated language of the FEP's Goals and Objectives particularly included a thorough review of the national standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

To address the FEP's Goals and Objectives and the national standards, the annual ecosystem status report (ESR) includes information applicable to National Standards 4, 8, and 9, for example:

- Figure 3.10 of the [2023 ESR](#), Numbers of whales reported as entangled in fishing gear along the West Coast from 2000-2022 [National Standard 9].
- Section 4.1, and 5.1-5.4 of the [2023 ESR](#), which discuss: coastwide landings and revenue by major fisheries, community social vulnerability, diversification of fishery revenues, port-level revenue concentration, and fisheries participation networks [National Standards 4 and 8].
- Figure 4.4.1 of the [2021 ESR](#), Index of availability for selected species to ports along the West Coast from 2003-2019 [National Standard 4].