

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FINAL INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR  
2023-2024

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed reports associated with E.9, Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023-2024, met with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Staff Member James Phillips and National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) Staff Member Lynn Massey on draft Groundfish Management Team (GMT) proposals, and have the following comments:

Regarding E.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, the EC does not have any concern with the fishery restrictions recommended by the GMT, but does recommend NMFS or the Council work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Coast Survey to provide accurate and publicly accessible data files (e.g., kml and shapefiles) depicting the Three Nautical Mile state boundary line for use in Geographic Information Systems and chart plotting resources. This will be important to ensure fishers are aware of their location relative to the boundary between state and Federal waters.

Regarding E.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, The EC reviewed the proposed implementation of the 100-150 fm lines for non-trawl commercial fisheries and the 50 fm line for recreational fisheries around Santa Barbara Island, San Nicolas Island, Tanner Bank, and Cortes Bank. The EC is comfortable with this recommendation and agrees that it would reduce regulatory complexity for stakeholders, since the regulations would be consistent with the other Channel Islands and mainland coastline south of Point Conception.

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