

2024-25 EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS - FINAL ACTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan allows for exempted fishing permit (EFP) activities to be conducted under a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Operating Procedure 23 describes the process for proposing EFPs, in which initial consideration occurs at the November Council meeting, with final action scheduled for the subsequent April Council meeting.

Two EFP notices of intent were submitted for the November 2023 Council meeting as Informational Reports, with full proposals to be considered at the April 2024 meeting. If approved, EFP allowance of Pacific sardine will be considered along with the management measures for the 2024-2025 Pacific sardine management measures (see Agenda Item I.3). The proposals from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) are included as Attachments 1 and 2. Over the winter, the CWPA modified its proposed biological sampling EFP from November 2023 to be consistent with previous EFP scope and set aside amounts from the last several fishing years.

Council Action:

Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2024-25 Fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: California Wetfish Producers Association Point Sets Sampling Proposal.
2. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 2: California Wetfish Producers Association Biological Sampling Proposal.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- I.2 2024-2025 Exempted Fishing Permits - Final Action Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2024-25 Fisheries