

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON EXEMPTED
FISHING PERMITS FOR 2024-2025 – FINAL ACTION

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) reviewed two proposals for renewed exempted fishing permits (EFP) from the California Wetfish Producers Association (Agenda Item I.2, Attachments [1](#) and [2](#)). The CPSMT sees value in the data collected from these EFPs because they are used in stock assessments and recommends the Pacific Fishery Management Council endorse both EFP applications.

The CPSMT requests that future EFP proposals report data by fishing year rather than calendar year. The CPSMT also recommends that EFPs that have been conducted for multiple years provide a table with both the tonnage approved for the EFPs and the tonnage taken under the EFPs for each completed fishing year. The CPSMT additionally notes that there is a mislabeled appendix title in I.2, Attachment 2.

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