

Agenda Item E.3, Amendment 17 Live Bait Fishery Allowance – Final Action

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative**
- 2. Adopt FMP language**
- 3. Provide further guidance as needed**

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

I move that the council:

1. Adopt alternative two in the CPSMT Report 1 (Agenda Item E.3.a) as the final preferred alternative, "Remove the prescribed incidental allowance for live bait fisheries to allow the potential for directed take and amend the FMP accordingly".
2. Approve the language shown in E.3.a CPSMT Report 1 as Amendment 17 to the CPSFMP in section 4.6.2.1:

4.6.2.1 Definition for Overfished Stock for Sardine

An overfished sardine population is one with a 1+ stock biomass on July 1 of 50,000 mt or less. ~~No directed fishing is allowed in any year or season while the stock is overfished.~~ The Council is required to minimize fishing mortality on an overfished stock to the extent practicable and to undertake a rebuilding program which may be implicit to the harvest control rule or explicit.

3. Approve the language shown in E.3.a CPSMT Report 1 as Amendment 17 to the CPSFMP in section 5.1.4, with the following highlighted changes added to the CPSMT edits:

5.1.4 ~~Incidental~~ Catch Allowances for Live Bait When Stocks are Overfished

When a stock is overfished according to the definition ~~of overfishing~~ in the FMP, ~~incidental~~ catch allowances for live bait fishing ~~may shall~~ be ~~set to no more than 15 percent of landed weight,~~ as determined by the Council. Allowing a directed live bait fishery when a stock is overfished is contingent on Council consideration of biological, environmental, and socio-economic factors. The Council is required to minimize fishing mortality on an overfished stock to the extent practicable and to undertake a rebuilding program, which may be implicit to the harvest control rule or explicit.

4. Add the following text to section 4.5 Rebuilding Programs:

"If a stock is overfished, for the period between when it is determined to be overfished and the effective date of a rebuilding plan, the council shall consider whether to allow any harvest of the overfished stock and what the appropriate interim harvest level should be."

Moved by Briana Brady; 2nd by Louis Zimm

Motion carried unan.