

*Agenda Item G.1.d*  
*Supplemental REVISED Final Council Action*  
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It is the Council's intent to recognize the importance of forage fish to the marine ecosystem off our coast, and to provide adequate protection for forage fish. We declare that our objective is to prohibit the development of new directed fisheries on forage species that are not currently managed by our Council, or the States, until we have an adequate opportunity to assess the science relating to the fishery and any potential impacts to our existing fisheries and communities.

The Council directs the Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) to proceed with Option 2 as detailed in Agenda Item G.1.b, EPDT Report, and schedule a progress report on its work to update and revise the List of Fisheries (LOF), to be made to the Council as soon as possible after completion of the fishery ecosystem plan (FEP). The Council further directs that:

- A. Regarding the LOF, all Council advisory bodies shall be tasked with identifying fisheries and authorized gears for Federal fisheries operating in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off each state in the most specific and narrow terms possible, for incorporation into the updated List. This exercise shall be completed by the advisory bodies and provided to the EPDT as soon as possible after completion of the FEP.
- B. For state-managed fisheries, the states shall be responsible, through their EPDT representatives, for preparing the list of state-managed fisheries which have a nexus with Federal waters, for inclusion in the updated List.
- C. The EPDT's progress report shall include any analysis on the possible effectiveness of the LOF application process in meeting the goal of preventing development of non-existent fisheries.
- D. The report shall also include, to the extent possible, any new information or analysis regarding the application of Section 600.747 of the Federal rules, including whether there is a possibility of amending these regulations for the West Coast such that additional requirements and specifications regarding the Council's review of applications could be formally incorporated into Federal regulations.
- E. Regarding the Council's standards which would be used in assessing whether a proposed new fishery could compromise conservation and management measures within the West Coast EEZ, the EPDT progress report shall provide full detail of the proposed standards and process, in order to make the procedural and content requirements clear and transparent to both applicants and the public, consistent with the recommendations outlined in Option 2 of the EPDT Report.
- F. As soon as possible after completion of the FEP upon receipt of the Progress Report, the Council shall review and provide guidance so that the content can be finalized for incorporation into the draft FEP, consistent with the FEP development schedule identified on page 2 of the draft FEP (H.1.a, Attachment 1, June 2012).

After completion of the FEP, the Council will proceed to incorporate any needed protections into our current suite of fishery management plans through an amendment process.

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