

2025-26 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.

One EFP notice of intent was submitted for the November 2024 Council meeting as an Informational Report, with a full proposal to be considered at the April 2025 meeting. If approved, EFP allowance of Pacific sardine will be considered along with the management measures for the 2025-2026 Pacific sardine management measures (see Agenda Item G.3). The proposal from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) is included as Attachment 1.

Council Task:

Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2025-26 Fisheries.

Reference Materials:

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

Agenda Order:

- G.2 2025-2026 Exempted Fishing Permits - Final Action Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2025-26 Fisheries