Status of the Draft HMS FMP

- **Current Timeline:** Draft plan is expected to be completed by October 1 for inclusion in the briefing material for the Council’s November meeting.

- The HMS Plan Team will present two documents—a proposed framework plan and options for initial regulatory measures.
Economic surveys for the troll, drift gillnet, and charter fisheries are being conducted. Progress has been slow due to the fishers being at sea.

Economic data will not be complete for the November draft; however, economic data for the RFA/RIR analyses should be available to support the proposed management measure options.
FMP Revisions

- Minor revisions have been made to Chapters 1-7 to incorporate changes from the Council, HMSAS, SSC, and HSG.

- Chapter 8: Management Under the HMS FMP has had major revisions in response to Council direction.
Options for Legal HMS Gear

Recreational Gear


(NOTE: Surface hook-and-line includes troll, jig, live bait, pole-and-line, and hand line)
Options for Legal HMS Gear

Commercial Gear

1. Surface hook-and-line, pelagic longline, drift gillnet, purse seine, and harpoon.

2. Surface hook-and-line, drift gillnet, purse seine, and harpoon.

(NOTE: This would eliminate all pelagic longline fisheries—both inside and outside the EEZ)
Pelagic Longline Options

1. Allow high seas longline outside 200 miles subject to WPFMC regulations

2. Allow pelagic longline inside EEZ

3. Indefinite moratorium w/in EEZ with Bycatch Reduction Research Program

4. Prohibit pelagic longline inside EEZ, but allow Exempted Fishery *(Team preferred)*
Drift Gillnet Options

1. Implement Time/Area Closures of Biological Opinion
2. Implement Modified Time/Area Closures of Biological Opinion
3. Close EEZ North of 45°N to drift gillnets
4. Incorporate existing state closures
Council Guidance

The HMS Plan Team seeks Council guidance on:

- The readiness of a draft plan for the November Council meeting
- The legal gear options
- The pelagic longline and drift gillnet options