

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 2: ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS AND
ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) reviewed the Highly Migratory Species Management Team's (HMSMT's) Report in the briefing book and their Supplemental Report on this Agenda Item and have the following comments.

The HMSAS supports applying the international exception to all HMS Management Unit Species and recommends the deletion of Alternative 3 in section 2 of the HMSMT Report. The HMSAS further requests more analysis and clarification from the HMSMT of the two remaining alternatives, 1 and 2.

With regard to the discussion in section 3 of the HMSMT Report, the HMSAS recommends that the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) be the primary FMP for swordfish and requests more information on the stock structure and assessment information on striped marlin before determining which FMP should be designated the primary FMP.

HMSAS has no comment on the discussion in Section 4 of the HMSMT Report (discussing reference points and accountability measures) at this time due to a lack of information. Additional information is requested from the HMSMT.

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