

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE
MATTERS

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel would like to compliment the Council and Dr. McIsaac for the letters identified as attachments 6, 7, and 8. Attachment 6 deals with specific Council comments on HR 774 requesting important language be reinserted into the Antigua Convention enabling legislation. Attachment 7 is about the eliminating the duplication of the National Environmental Policy Act and Magnuson-Stevens Act processes. Attachment 8 concerns the refinance of the REFI Act, which is important for Highly Migratory Species exempted fishing permit (EFP) participants. Industry financing of observers will eliminate the possibility of EFPs going forward.

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