

SCHEDULE 5. Biennial management cycle and activities related to highly migratory species management.

Year	Month	Entity and Management Activity
<u>Even- Numbered Years</u> Year 1 (cont)	September <u>June</u>	<i>Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)</i> provides update to the Council on status of the HMS fisheries and, as appropriate, proposed adjustments to the numerical estimates of MSY, OY, and SDC in a preliminary SAFE report. If necessary, Council directs HMSMT to prepare draft regulatory analysis to implement revised estimates of reference point values, ACLs or other harvest objectives and/or management measures.
	<u>November</u> September	<i>HMSMT</i> presents annual SAFE document to Council. If necessary, Council directs HMSMT to prepare a draft regulatory analysis to implement revised estimates of reference point values, ACLs or other harvest objectives and/or management measures. Council adopts for public review proposed actions addressing concerns from current and previous SAFE reports.
<u>Odd- Numbered Years</u> Year 2	March <u>November</u>	<u>Council adopts final recommendations to NMFS, Department of State, and Congress for international measures to end overfishing and/or rebuild stocks and proposed regulations necessary for domestic fishery management.</u> Council adopts final action and submits to NMFS for approval
	April	If approved by NMFS, measures become effective, and stay in effect for at least two years.

NMFS implements domestic fishery management regulations as soon as practicable after Council final action while fulfilling applicable statutory requirements related to rulemaking.

As detailed above the HMS FMP established a biennial management cycle with the regulatory/statistical year April 1 to March 31, which provides sufficient time for data analysis, provides for timely response to fishery problems, and allows most fishers adequate access to the management process, as scheduled.

~~The cycle is repeated biennially, with new actions considered in September and becoming effective in April every other year.~~—The Council would schedule HMS for the June, September, and November, and March Council meetings.

Under this biennial cycle, the HMSMT would conduct ongoing reviews of HMS fisheries and stock status. The HMSMT would prepare an annual SAFE document for the Council's September meeting.

This management cycle may be altered to a different annual or multi-year management cycle by majority vote of the Council without necessity of an FMP amendment, provided the Council gives six-month advance notice to the public of any intent to alter the management cycle.

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