

HIGHLY MIGRATORY ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVES: SCOPING AND SELECTION

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) has reviewed the initiatives for consideration under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and offers the following thoughts:

The HMSAS recognizes three candidate topics to consider when selecting a final initiative for further development under the FEP.

The HMSAS would prioritize the initiatives in the following order:

- A.2.7 Socio-economic effects of fishery management practices on fishing communities.
- A.2.8 Effects of near-term climate shift and long-term climate change on fish, fisheries, and fishing communities.
- A.2.6 Human recruitment to the fisheries.

The HMSAS prioritizes A.2.7 for the following reasons:

- To minimize the potential for negative economic impacts to harvesters, fisheries, and the communities that rely upon them.
- Quotas being overly restrictive based on biomass estimate methodologies which aren't adaptive in nature.

The HMSAS appreciates the opportunity to comment on this subject and looks forward to participating in detailed discussion in the future.