PROPOSED AGENDA
Highly Migratory Species Management Team
San Mateo Marriott Hotel
Inspire 3 Room
1770 South Amphlett Boulevard
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Telephone: 650-653-6000
September 13-14, 2011

This meeting is open to the public and public comments will be accepted at the discretion of the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) Chair. Agenda times are approximate and are subject to change.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, 8:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda

B. Council Assignment to Develop Management Framework for North Pacific Albacore

The HMSMT and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) will meet jointly to discuss this assignment. This is an opportunity for the HMSMT to plan for the joint meeting.

C. Swordfish Management Workshop Report

Report due under agenda item D.2.

Joint Meeting of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Highly Migratory Species Management Team for discussion of North Pacific albacore stock assessment / assignment
1:00 PM in the Synergy 1 Room

D. North Pacific Albacore Stock Assessment

Steve Teo and/or Suzy Kohin will provide a briefing on the results of the latest North Pacific albacore stock assessment. The Council will be briefed on the stock assessment results under agenda item E.1.

This topic will also include a briefing on the results of the September 6-9, 2011, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee meeting where management recommendations for North Pacific albacore are developed.
E. Council Assignment to Develop Management Framework for North Pacific Albacore

At their June 2011 meeting the Council tasked the HMSMT and HMSAS to develop a proactive management framework for North Pacific albacore that could be proposed at the international level through U.S. delegations. Such a management framework would include the identification of precautionary biological reference points and associated management responses in the form of measures that do not disadvantage the west coast albacore fishery. Such a framework will put the Council in a better position to react to future stock assessment results.

At the time the assignment was made the most recent stock assessment results were not available. These can be taken into consideration in discussion of the assignment. This is an opportunity for the HMSAS and HMSMT to engage in preliminary discussions on the process for developing the framework.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011, 8:00 A.M.

F. HMS SAFE Update

Follow-up discussion on improving the HMS SAFE production and completion process

G. Informational Items at the Discretion of the Chair

H. Finalize Reports

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