

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES

At the March 2014 meeting, the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) received a briefing from Ms. Cyreis Schmidt of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the work being performed in the Ecosystem Work Group. Because the HMSAS is not meeting at the April Council meeting, we drafted this report at the March Council meeting.

The HMSAS is very concerned about potential changes to the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The HMSAS unanimously agreed that the Ecosystem FMP and associated changes to the HMS FMP should be adaptive and not prescriptive as is the case in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission ecosystem component on tuna management. The HMSAS would like to be fully involved with any discussions of potential changes to the HMS FMP, including those that may involve consideration of ecosystem components.

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