

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES REPORT ON
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) would like to commend the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for the reclassification of the California/Oregon drift gillnet fishery from a Category I to a Category III fishery, as well as the California Tuna Purse Seine fishery from a Category II to a Category III classification. The efforts of the participants in these fisheries using new technologies such as satellite imaging of sea surface temperature and water clarity, pingers for marine mammal deterrence, and captains educational workshops has greatly reduced interactions between fisheries and populations of marine mammals and sea turtles off our coast.

The HMSAS would request the Council direct the Highly Migratory Species Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee analyze and review and explain the candidate biological reference points presented at the Northern Committee meeting in regards to North Pacific albacore tuna.

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