

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Situation: NMFS Southwest Region prepared the attached white paper (Attachment C.1.a.) to assist the Council in making a decision about its role in management of highly migratory species. Should the Council develop a fishery management plan for these species? What are the benefits of such a plan? Should this be a separate plan for West Coast-based vessels? Which species should be included? What issues need to be addressed? What is the schedule for plan development? Who should be on the plan development team? If a plan is determined not to be necessary at this time, what should the role of the Council be, if any, in the management of highly migratory species?

Council Action: Decide whether or not to develop a fishery management plan. If decision is yes, provide direction on process, schedule, composition of plan development team, etc.

Reference Materials:

1. White paper (Attachment C.1.a.).
2. Position statement of Western Fishboat Owners Association (Attachment C.1.b.).

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