

**HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
STATEMENT OF LIMITED ENTRY CONTROL DATE**

The Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team (HMSPDT) recommends the Council establish a control date for limited entry in highly migratory species fisheries as a precautionary measure.

The HMSPDT seeks guidance from the Council on the following aspects of limited entry analysis, should the Council adopt a control date:

1. Which sectors or gear types should be considered.
2. Which species should be considered.
3. Ramifications of limited entry affecting any future U.S. international agreements.
4. Whether to consider and analyze limited entry as part of the fishery management plan (FMP) development process, or whether limited entry will be considered and analyzed separately from the plan development process, and whether limited entry will be considered concurrently with or following the FMP.

The HMSPDT notes limited entry will substantially increase the workload of the HMSPDT.