

HABITAT STEERING GROUP COMMENTS ON
THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) would like to thank the Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team (HMSPDT) for incorporating our suggested essential fish habitat changes into the next draft fishery management plan (FMP). The HSG urges the HMSPDT to adhere to the proposed timeline of having a draft ready for the November Council meeting with final adoption scheduled for March 2002. The HSG plans to have a more thorough review of the draft FMP following the November Council meeting and will make suggested changes, as appropriate, prior to final adoption.

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