

TRIBAL COMMENTS

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to offer a brief comment on the Draft Highly Migratory Species FMP.

The tribes are in favor of the proposed action in the Draft HMS FMP to adopt a framework to accommodate treaty fishing rights in the implementing regulations. The tribes also favor modeling the initial proposed regulations after the coastal pelagic species regulations at 50 CFR 660.518 as stated in the Draft FMP.

Thank you.