

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES IN THE DRAFT FMP FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

FMP Element	Proposed Action	Alternatives
1. Species in the management unit (Ch.3 Pg.2-5)	<u>Alternative 2</u> Tunas: albacore, bigeye, bluefin, yellowfin, skipjack Sharks: blue, bigeye thresher, common thresher, pelagic thresher, shortfin mako Others: dorado, striped marlin, swordfish	<u>Compared to proposed action</u> 1: Drop dorado. 3: Drop bigeye and pelagic thresher sharks. 4: Add sixgill shark. 5: Drop all sharks.
2. Monitored species (Ch.3 Pg.4,8)	Include species to be monitored, but not actively managed (see table Ch.3 Pg.8) and use SAFE process to monitor these species.	No alternatives presented.
3. Overfishing criteria (Ch.3 Pg.7-12)	Establish MSY and OY control rules; use derived OY for vulnerable species.	No alternatives presented.
4. SAFE Report (Ch.3 Pg.35-36)	Prepare annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) report.	No alternatives presented.
5. Management objectives (Ch.8 Pg.5-6)	Adopt 18 goals and objectives as listed in section 8.3.3.	No alternatives presented.
6. Framework procedures (Ch.8 Pg.6-10)	Adopt framework procedures with point-of-concern mechanism.	1: No framework procedures included. All changes would require plan amendments. 2: Adopt framework procedures without point-of-concern mechanism.
7. Management cycle (Ch.8 Pg.10-11)	Establish a biennial management cycle.	1: No cycle established. 2: Adopt an annual cycle. 3: Adopt a multi-year cycle.
8. Definition of legal gear (Ch.8 Pg.13-14)	Commercial: harpoon, surface hook and line, drift gillnet, purse seine, pelagic longline Recreational: rod and reel, spear, hook and line	1: No legal gears specified. 2: Pelagic longline would not be legal gear. Longline landings in west coast ports prohibited.
9. Drift gillnet mesh size restriction (Ch.8 Pg.13)	Preferred alternative not specified.	1: Minimum stretched mesh size of 14 inches. 2: No mesh size restriction.
10. Incidental catch allowance for non-HMS gears (Ch.8 Pg. 14)	Allow HMS landings in non-HMS fisheries, up to a maximum of 10-30 % of the total landing by weight. (Preferred allowance percentage not specified.)	1: No incidental landings by non-HMS gears would be allowed. 2: No incidental catch limits would be established. Any amount of HMS allowed.
11. Essential fish habitat (EFH) (Ch.8 Pg.14-15;Ch.4 Pg.30-32)	Adopt species-specific and life stage-specific definition of EFH as described in Chapter 4 and authorize the adoption of management measures to minimize adverse effects on EFH from fishing.	1: EFH would not be designated. 2: Adopt a broad designation which would apply to all management unit species collectively: all surface waters of the ocean in the EEZ down to 1000 m.
12. Bycatch (Ch.8 Pg.15-16)	Authorize future measures to be adopted to minimize bycatch; adopt a voluntary catch-and-release program for recreational	1: Do not adopt bycatch measures. 2: Do not adopt catch-and-release program.

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	HMS fisheries; and implement initial measures for pelagic longline, drift gillnet and purse seine fisheries (see specific fishery measures below).	3: Establish catch-and-release program for striped marlin only.
13. Protected Species (Ch.8 Pg.16-17)	Authorize adoption of future protected species conservation measures and implement initial measures for drift gillnet, pelagic longline and purse seine fisheries (see specific fishery measures below).	No measures would be implemented with FMP. NMFS would continue to promulgate such measures under separate authorities.
14. Observer authority (Ch.8 Pg. 17)	Authorize the Regional Administrator of NMFS to require commercial and charter vessels to carry observers when and if warranted.	The FMP would not contain authority to establish observer programs for HMS fisheries.
15. Prohibited species (Ch.8 Pg.17-18)	Prohibit retention of great white, basking and megamouth sharks; Pacific salmon; and Pacific halibut. (Retention of salmon and halibut with authorized gear during open seasons allowed.)	1: No species would be prohibited. 2: Prohibit retention of white, basking and megamouth sharks. 3: Prohibit retention of Pacific salmon and Pacific halibut.
16. Quotas or harvest guidelines (Ch.8 Pg.18-19)	Authorize establishment or modification of quotas or harvest guidelines and adopt initial harvest guidelines as follows: common thresher shark 390-510 mt shortfin mako shark 200 mt	1: No quotas or harvest guidelines would be established initially. 2: Establish initial quotas or harvest guidelines for additional species.
17. Allocation (Ch.8 Pg.19-20)	Authorize establishment or modification of allocations among domestic HMS fisheries, but make no initial allocations.	Establish initial allocations (criteria and process needed).
18. Treaty Indian fishing (Ch.8 Pg.20-21)	Include a process to accommodate treaty fishing rights in the implementing regulations.	1: Do not establish a process to accommodate treaty Indian fishing rights. 2: Include a process in the FMP.
19. Exempted fishing permits (EFP) (Ch.8 Pg.21-22)	Do not specify EFP procedures and objectives in the FMP; defer to regulations at 50 CFR 600.745.	Adopt specific procedures and objectives for HMS EFPs in the FMP.
20. Procedures for reviewing state regulations for consistency (Ch.8 Pg.22)	Include procedures in FMP for determining consistency of state regulations with FMP.	No alternatives presented.
21. Permits (Ch.8 Pg.23-24)	Require federal permits for all commercial vessels harvesting HMS, with an endorsement for the gear used.	1: No new federal permits required. 2: Require commercial vessel permits with no gear endorsements. 3: Require commercial vessel permits for selected HMS fisheries only. 4: Require recreational vessel permits for HMS fisheries. 5: Require charter vessel permits for HMS fisheries. 6: Require a federal or state permit for recreational vessels.
22. Reporting requirements (Ch.8 Pg.24-25)	Require all commercial and charter HMS vessels to maintain and submit logbooks; eliminate the California far offshore fishery declarations requirement for the troll albacore fishery.	1: No new federal reporting requirements 2: Limit new federal logbook requirements to commercial vessels not covered under existing laws. 3: Eliminate far offshore declarations for all fisheries.
23. Prohibit sale (Ch.8 Pg.25-26)	Prohibit the sale of striped marlin.	Do not prohibit the sale of striped marlin.
24. Drift gillnet fishery management measures (Ch.8 Pg.26-27)	Adopt current federal restrictions promulgated under MMPA and ESA; adopt selected state regulations including time/area	1: Management would remain under current state and federal authorities.

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	closures; and adopt new closure in EEZ north of 45 ° N. lat.	2: Adopt only existing federal regulations. 3: Adopt additional state regulations. 4: Implement federal time/area closures in the biological opinion to protect turtles.
25. Pelagic longline fishery management measures (Ch.8 Pg.28-29)	Prohibit the use of pelagic longlines in the EEZ; allow landings of HMS caught with pelagic longlines outside the EEZ, and apply western Pacific management measures to protect turtles and birds.	<u>Inside EEZ</u> 1: Management would remain under current state and federal authorities. 2: Impose an indefinite moratorium on pelagic longlining with re-evaluation following completion of a bycatch reduction research program.. 3: Authorize a limited entry pelagic longline fishery for tunas and swordfish with effort and area restrictions to evaluate longlines as alternative to drift gillnets to reduce bycatch. 4: Prohibit pelagic longlining with re-evaluation following a tuna-swordfish bycatch experiment. <u>Outside EEZ</u> 1: Management would remain under current state and federal authorities. 2: Adopt selected turtle and bird protective measures tailored to west coast fishery.
26. Purse seine fishery management measures (Ch.8 Pg.30)	Prohibit use of purse seines to harvest HMS in EEZ north of 44° N. lat.	1: Management would remain under current authorities. 2: Close the EEZ off Washington. 3: The entire EEZ would be open to purse seine fishing.

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