

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region will briefly report on recent international and domestic developments relevant to highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries and issues of interest to the Council. NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center will briefly report on HMS-related science and research activities.

Reference material for this agenda item include the NMFS report (Attachment 1), a NMFS letter detailing issuance of a transshipment permit (Attachment 2), a Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC) letter about Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) related activities (Attachment 3), and two public comment letters pertaining to international matters related to the albacore fishery (Agendum H.1.d, Public Comment).

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum H.1, Attachment 1: NMFS Report on Highly Migratory Species Management.
2. Agendum H.1, Attachment 2: Transshipment Permit Approval Letter.
3. Agendum H.1, Attachment 3: WPFMC IATTC Letter.
4. Agendum H.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Regulatory Activities
- b. Science Center Activities
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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