

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) recommends the Council initiate consideration of developing bag limits for highly migratory species recreational fisheries. If developed, the HMSAS suggests these bag limits be consistent among the West Coast states.

The HMSAS wishes to express concern to the Council on a reported increase in illegal high seas driftnet fishing by unmarked vessels. This type of fishing has been observed in the region West of the international dateline where the U.S. troll albacore fleet fishes. The activity occurs primarily in May and June. Industry groups have requested an investigation of nationality and where landings are taking place. The HMSAS recommends the Council request NMFS formally report on this issue at the March Council meeting.

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