

STATUS OF FISHERIES AND PRELIMINARY STOCK ASSESSMENT AND FISHERY
EVALUATION (SAFE) REPORT

According to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) the schedule for producing an annual SAFE report is to submit a draft version to the Council at the June meeting, receive guidance, and then produce a final version to be available at the September Council meeting (see Attachment 1.) Because of the hiatus in HMS funding in 2004, the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) was unable to begin work on the SAFE until their meeting on May 12-13, 2005. (See pages 4-6 in Attachment 2.) For this reason, the HMSMT was unable to assemble a draft report in time for the June Council meeting. Instead they developed an outline of the report for Council review at this meeting (see Attachment 3). Based on Council recommendations, the team will prepare a completed SAFE to be available at the September Council meeting.

Council Task: Council Discussion and Guidance.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.3.a Attachment 1: Excerpt of Section 3.4 of the HMS FMP, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report.
2. Agenda Item E.3.a, Attachment 2: Summary of the May 12-13, 2005, Highly Migratory Species Management Team Meeting.
3. Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 3: SAFE Outline.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Guidance

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