

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
PROPOSED PROTOCOLS FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS
FOR HMS FISHERIES

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) recommends that the Council adopt the proposed Protocols for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for HMS Fisheries—both the interim protocol (attachment 1) and the longer-term protocol (attachment 2). As noted in the drafts for public review, the interim protocol would be in effect from November 2005 through April 2006, and would apply to EFP applications for the 2006 fishing year. The longer-term protocol would be in effect from April 2006, until changed, and would apply to EFP applications affecting fisheries beginning in the 2007 fishing year.