

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON DRIFT GILLNET
MANAGEMENT

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) initially recommended that the Council adopt Alternative 5.5, which would open the diamond-shaped area south of Pt. Sur to all drift gillnet permit holders by regulatory amendment and would with authorize an exempted fishing permit fishery in the closed area with a cap of 2 leatherback takes. However, after further consultation with the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT), the HMSAS decided to support the HMSMT's recommendation for the Council to adopt Alternative 3.6 as the preferred alternative. There was one vote to abstain.

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