

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) endorses the comments contained in the letter submitted as Agenda Item C.3.d, Supplemental Public Comment 2 provided by Mr. Peter Flournoy. In particular, the HMSAS directs the Council's attention to the last paragraph, which reads:

“My last comment concerns Item C.3.d Public Comment entitled “Setting Annual Catch Limits for U.S. Fisheries: An Expert Working Group Report.” [Lenfest Ocean Program] I would like to point out that this was done under the auspices and participated in by MRAG which is a British based organization which does most of the work for the MSC certification you may have heard about. It therefore should be carefully examined and not just accepted without critical reading. By the way, it answers none of the questions raised above concerning ACLs and their application to international fisheries.”

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