

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON COUNCIL  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) requests that the Council recommend to the U.S. delegation to the Northern Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC):

1. The Northern Committee facilitate more comprehensive and timely data collection on North Pacific albacore.
2. The Northern Committee consider the striped marlin stock assessment.
3. The Northern Committee encourage member nations to gather and provide catch data on North Pacific albacore from the areas both east and west of 150° W longitude, either all inclusive or reported separately by area.
4. The Northern committee review the report from the International Scientific Committee on North Pacific albacore considering current levels of effort, and strive for more scientifically-based reference points for albacore.
5. The Northern Committee encourage and foster greater cooperation between WCPFC and Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.
6. The Northern Committee facilitate collecting information on other nations' recreational fishing fleets.

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