

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION MATTERS

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) strongly suggests that the adoption of the Memo of Understanding (MOU) be delayed for the following reasons:

- The MOU has only been released for review for a few days and the HMSAS has not had time to review it.
- There are suggested changes from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council that are not fully understood.
- The HMSAS has identified concerns such as failing to properly describe albacore representation on the WCPFC Advisory Committee and failure to define how proposed regulations will be reviewed by the Councils.

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