

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL  
MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) is concerned that our advice on international management issues and negotiations has not been used by the Council and Council representatives to the international forums. To help improve our communication to the Council, Dr. McIsaac and Chair Lowman came to our HMSAS meeting yesterday (November 13, 2015) to discuss the problem. The HMSAS stressed that Council advice to the U.S. Delegation is going forward without adequate review which leads to mixed signals to the West Coast industry and other stakeholders. The Council has advisory experts, such as Dr. Kevin Piner on the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and industry experts, such as Dr. Vidar Wespestad, as well as industry delegation representatives that are not being included for advice in the final Council documentation going forward. The HMSAS believes that for international management positions and advice to the U.S. Delegations, it would be beneficial to include more review by industry and scientific technical resources.

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