HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (OLE) STRATEGIC REVIEW

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) received a report from Mr. Mike Killary, Deputy Special Agent in Charge for the National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Division, regarding the strategic review and West Coast Division Enforcement Priorities for the next five years.

The HMSAS thanks Mr. Killary for his presentation and accompanying discussion and applauds the recent actions to fill vacant enforcement positions and add several new agents and officers. The HMSAS members in attendance concur with the list of priorities identified in <u>Agenda Item I.1, Supplemental Attachment 4</u>. The HMSAS is particularly supportive of those items which benefit domestic harvesters of HMS species and promote the lawful take of HMS species in the recreational and commercial fisheries operating off the West Coast of the United States. Lawabiding fishers are often disadvantaged by the actions of those who either are ignorant to the laws, rules, and/or regulations or are aware of the restrictions and purposefully choose to violate them.

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