

**HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT  
ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING**

The Council's selection of a Final Preferred Alternative (FPA) for DSBG authorization is tentatively scheduled for June 2018. If the Council keeps selection of a DSBG FPA on the final June 2018 Council meeting agenda, the HMSMT requests an interim meeting to complete its draft analyses of the DSBG ROA. As a reminder, the HMSMT had an in-person meeting scheduled for January 2018 that was intended to further develop the analyses. That meeting was converted to a webinar due to a government shutdown, preventing the HMSMT from substantially advancing its proposed analyses.

The HMSMT discussed the workload for the upcoming June Council meeting and noted that there are seven HMS items currently scheduled over the course of four days. The HMSMT requests that the Council consider prioritizing topics and moving remaining agenda items to a later meeting.

The International Scientific Committee (ISC) is hosting the 1st Pacific bluefin tuna management strategy evaluation (MSE) meeting May 30-31, 2018, in Yokohama, Japan. As mentioned in its November report, the HMSMT requests that the Council consider sending an HMSMT representative to the meeting as was done for albacore MSEs.