

## DRIFT GILLNET PERFORMANCE METRICS

In 2015, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) took final action to recommend bycatch and protected species interaction management measures for the California/Oregon large-mesh drift gillnet (DGN) fishery. Although National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) ultimately disapproved protected species hard caps, the Council's action included a non-regulatory component, annual fishery performance objectives. These provide a way for the Council to monitor finfish bycatch and interactions with non-Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed marine mammals in the fishery during each season compared to historical levels. If bycatch or protected species interaction levels are consistently at a level higher than one of the performance objectives, the Council could consider whether additional management measures are necessary to minimize bycatch or reduce protected species interactions in the fishery.

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) first reported fishery bycatch/takes against performance metrics in June 2017 for the 2016/17 DGN fishing season ([Agenda Item H.1.c](#)). At that time, the Council requested that the HMSMT report as additional performance metrics takes of hard cap species. The attached HMSMT Report presents bycatch/takes against these performance metrics for the 2017/18 DGN fishing season.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider Metrics and Recommend Mitigation Measures, As Appropriate.**

### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3.a, HMSMT Report 1.

### Agenda Order:

- G.3 Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Metrics and Recommend Mitigation Measures, As Appropriate