HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON DRIFT GILLNET PERFORMANCE METRICS METHODOLOGY

The HMSAS agrees with the Scientific and Statistical Committee and the National Marine Fisheries Service Protected Resource Division that the regression tree method is an improvement over the ratio estimator approach to estimate marine mammal, sea turtle, and seabird bycatch in the California drift gillnet fishery (Agenda Item H.5 Situation Summary and H.5.a Supplemental SSC Report 1). The HMSAS recommends that any performance metrics that are developed should be based on the regression tree method.

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