

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) discussed the composition of the HMSAS panel and believe that there is sufficient representation from all sectors. No new recommendations are suggested for this appointment period.

Referring to Agenda Item F.3, [Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1](#), item number 9, the HMSAS is interested in learning more about the potential use of electronic monitoring (EM) in HMS fisheries operating out of the US West Coast. HMSAS members would look forward to communicating with and participating with other Council groups or teams that are developing and/or using EM, such as the Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy and Technical Advisory Committees.

The HMSAS believes that EM holds good potential to supplement, and potentially substitute for, human observers in the HMS fisheries. It is believed that EM will not replace human observers but may provide observation coverage equal to human observers on a continuous basis.

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