

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) reminds the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) that the proposed road map for implementing the swordfish management and monitoring plan is scheduled for scoping of the fishery management plan (FMP) amendment authoring a shallow set longline fishery. The scoping process for this FMP amendment has been delayed for many Council sessions. We request that Council put this issue on the November 2018 agenda.

Also, the HMSAS suggests delaying final action on authorizing a deep-set buoy gear fishery in March 2019. The HMSAS recommends that the process is delayed for one year to receive sufficient data from the current deep set buoy gear exempted fishing permits.

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