

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FISHERY
ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE YEAR REVIEW - SCOPING

Four members of the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) participated in the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) webinar held in August 2018. The HMSMT discussed the questions outlined in the [Agenda Item G.2.a Ecosystem Workgroup Report 1](#). Responses to the questions regarding the use of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) varied in part with the length of time members served on the HMSMT and with experience working on analyses to support Council actions.

Generally, the HMSMT views the FEP as providing a useful baseline for future development of ecosystem-based fishery management. The HMSMT feels that a longer and more deliberate review process is necessary to determine if and where updates are needed. Without more detailed input from Council advisory bodies, the HMSMT has concerns about the task causing unnecessary work for the EWG with minimal benefit. As a potential approach to developing specific recommendations, the HMSMT discussed highlighting areas of duplication between the HMS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report and the FEP to identify complementary improvements to both documents.

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