HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANAL REPORT ON BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) discussed a number of topics for consideration and future planning to address maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield objectives.

Topics to consider for harvest allocation include:

- Gear type,
- Trip limits,
- Individual trawl quota,
- Limited Entry

As the bluefin stock recovers, it is imperative that the U.S. increase total allocation of the available bluefin quota in the eastern Pacific Ocean. It is suggested that the allocation should be 60 percent allocated to Western Pacific Ocean, 40 percent allocation to the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). The U.S. should seek 40 percent of the EPO total and Mexico 60 percent of the EPO total.

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