

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

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) is concerned over the process of designating new categories of representative seats on the HMSAS (Agenda Item I.4) and other advisory bodies under the newly proposed Council Operating Procedures with little notice of such changes for public comment.

First, the HMSAS is concerned over the proposed extension to name an alternate on the advisory bodies from 15 days to 30 days. The HMSAS and some other advisory bodies are made up of members who have fishing responsibilities and/or other employment and businesses where such a long notice is not practical. The HMSAS recommends that the Council consider leaving the 15 day notice requirement in place as it has served the groups well. If the Council is concerned about the alternates put forward by present members of advisory bodies, the Council could implement a system where each member can designate an alternate or alternates to be pre-vetted by Council staff and added to an approved list.

Second, the HMSAS objects to the changing of the makeup of HMSAS by changing one commercial gear type to an at-large seat without notice and a chance to comment.

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