

HMSAS

ITEM J.3 - SCOPING AN AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING
SSL GEAR OUTSIDE OF THE EEZ

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Then (pre-2004/2009)	Now - Scoping topics 2019
<p>No gear or bait restrictions/ Blue-dyed mackerel/circle hooks</p>	<p>Hawaiian mitigation techniques in place plus new proposed mitigation techniques such as side setting, tori lines, no lazy lines, monofilament leaders, etc. could be result of the scoping process.</p>
<p>No limit on fishing effort by HI LL vessels outside EEZ. / Proposed 10 permits</p>	<p>We support LE permits going forward.</p>
<p>Jeopardy determination on loggerhead takes in 2004. / Proposal included sea turtle mitigation measures such as area closures, gear restrictions and take caps. (2009)</p>	<p>A new SSL amendment would initiate a new biological opinion on the impact to sea turtle populations. We note that the new Biological Opinion for Hawaii SSL shows that the loggerhead population is estimated at 2.4% annual growth.</p>
<p>Less than 100% Monitoring/observer coverage.</p>	<p>We support 100% monitoring going forward and use of electronic monitoring (EM)</p>
<p>No hard caps.</p>	<p>We support scientifically based hard caps (similar to Hawaii) going forward.</p>
<p>No additional mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Turtle watch, Ecocast, and other potential methods (e.g. those used in the Dungeness crab fishery, see below). Assess potential bycatch issues in proposed area east of 150 longitude but outside the EEZ</p>
<p>A large active DGN fleet. / 59 Active and 24 Latent DGN Permits</p>	<p>The DGN fleet has been substantially reduced and with the California Buy Back legislation will continue to be reduced. 16 DGN Active Permits. (2018 – 2019)</p>