

Agenda Item J.3  
Supplemental Staff Presentation 1  
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# J.3 - SCOPING AN AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SHALLOW-SET LONGLINE GEAR OUTSIDE OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE



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# Council Action

Consider Issues to be Addressed in a Potential Fishery Management Plan Amendment to Authorize Shallow-Set Longline Gear in West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Outside of the Exclusive Economic Zone.



# Scoping Document - Attachment 1

- 2004- HMS FMP was finalized - SSL was disapproved
- 2009 - Amend 2 HMS FMP authorize SSL - No Action
- 2015 - Scheduled scoping SSL - Agenda item was cancelled
- 2018 - Swordfish MMP - Still Draft



# Council Operating Procedure 11

- a. Assessment of need for action and compatibility with the objectives of the pertinent fishery management plan (See pg 4 and 5 of Attach 1)
- b. Alternative ways to address the problem without plan amendment
- c. Potential impacts from the proposed action
- d. Possible amendment alternatives
- e. Complexity or controversial nature of the proposed action



# Scoping Issues

- Section 3.1 - Draft List of Issues to Consider
- Section 3.2 - Policy Questions Regarding Development of a Fishery



# Amendment 2 Proposed Action (p. 11 Attach 1)

The proposed action is to amend the HMS FMP to authorize a West Coast based shallowest longline (SSL) fishery seaward of the EEZ in the North Pacific Ocean...intended to allow for an economically viable shallow-set longline fishery to be established, supplying fresh fish to West Coast markets while complying with ESA requirements to avoid taking ESA-listed species.



# Potential Action Area

Outside the US EEZ

However SMMP cites the potential to revisit the prohibition of pelagic longline gear inside the EEZ



# Tentative Next Steps

- March 2020 (March 3-9, 2020 Rohnert Park, CA):  
Amendment Authorizing SS Longline Fishery  
Outside EEZ: Continue Scoping/Preliminary ROA
- June 2020 (June 11-18, 2020 San Diego, CA):  
Amendment Authorizing SS Longline Fishery  
Outside EEZ





# Appendix A

Contains fishing effort for Hawaii permitted vessels and HMS FMP permitted vessels landing swordfish on the West Coast, 2015-2018.

