

PROPOSED AGENDA

Highly Migratory Species Management Team

Pacific Fishery Management Council

Online meeting

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October 12-13, 2021

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) meetings are open to the public and public comment opportunities have been scheduled. Additional public comments may be taken at the discretion of the Co-Chairs. Dates and times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins.

Tuesday, October 12 – 1:00 p.m.

A. HMSMT Administrative Matters

1. Roll call and review of the agenda Kit Dahl
2. Introductions and opening remarks Liz Hellmers

B. Review of HMS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Document (1:15 p.m.)

Review contents of online SAFE and identify needed updates and additions. Confirm schedule and process for production of annual archive (pdf) copy.

Public Comment Period

Wednesday, October 13 – 9:00 a.m.

C. Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps

In June 2021 the Council adopted a preliminary range of alternatives to implement hard caps for species of concern identified in its September 2015 action on this measure. The Council directed the HMSMT to develop options for closure periods should a hard cap be met or exceeded. The Council intends to adopt the range of alternatives, and identify a preliminary preferred alternative if appropriate, at its November 2021 meeting. The HMSMT discussion will cover the following topics.

1. Hard cap levels consistent with the Council's 2015 action and the specification of the current range of alternatives.
2. Closure period options for each action alternative.

C. Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps - continued

- 3. Preliminary analysis of the effects of the alternatives to support Council action adopting the range.
- 4. Production of a report covering the aforementioned topics.

Public Comment Period

D. Swordfish Monitoring and Management Plan (1:00 p.m.)

The Council has tentatively scheduled discussion of the Swordfish Monitoring and Management Plan on its March 2022 meeting agenda. When last discussed in November 2019, the Council directed the HMSMT to develop analyses related to authorization of a shallow-set pelagic longline fishery targeting swordfish. The assignment has three elements: 1) identifying a potential action area, 2) characterizing sources of swordfish supply to West Coast markets, and 3) describing the conservation impacts of fisheries that are sources of supply for the West Coast market. The HMSMT will discuss completion of this assignment with the aim of submitting a report for the March 2022 advance briefing book.

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