

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
MARINE PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) was briefed by Mr. Mike Conroy on [Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental MPC Report 1](#). The HMSAS supports the draft report and the recommendations in the report with one added recommendation. At paragraph 4 in the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Pacific Access Route Study section, the HMSAS recommends adding the bullet point “2) recommends keeping port access unobstructed by physical structures that require detours for vessels exiting and entering such ports.”

The proposed change to paragraph 4 is shown in underline below:

We **recommend** the Council send a brief cover letter of comment to the USCG before January 25, 2022, that: 1) recommends keeping vessel fairways outside of the bottom-contact fishing grounds of Council-managed fisheries, 2) recommends keeping port access unobstructed by physical structures that require detours for vessels exiting and entering such ports.” and 23) forwards the Council’s prior comments on offshore wind energy and aquaculture installations, so that the USCG is aware of the Council’s past comments about the potential for such installations to affect fishing vessel safety and navigation. Going forward, we **recommend** Council staff copy USCG Districts 11 and 13 on future Council comment letters that may address installation of permanent offshore structures.

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