

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) reviewed the proposed scheduling of HMS agenda items on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) Summary ([Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1](#)) and offers the following comments for Council consideration:

- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) should remain shaded until funding is secured to complete Phase 2 of the HMS EFH Review.
- To adequately focus on the other scheduled agenda items for June, the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan should be postponed to a later Council meeting.

The HMSMT requests Council prioritization of the current June agenda items, specifically the Drift Gillnet (DGN) Bycatch Performance Report and DGN Hard Cap Preliminary Preferred Alternative agenda items given the analytical requirements to complete these tasks. Based on Council prioritization, the HMSMT may need to schedule an interim meeting prior to June to complete either of these tasks.

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