

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL (HMSAS) REPORT  
ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The HMSAS enjoyed the benefit of holding a virtual meeting in advance of this Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting. Given the number of HMS items on the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda for November 2022, we request the Council support an online HMSAS meeting to be held on or about October 26th.

The HMSAS recommends the proposed item on Drift Gillnet Hard Caps be listed as range of alternatives/preliminary preferred alternative. During the June meeting, the Council provided guidance on the completion of the analysis of the range of alternatives. As we understand it, the analyses will be updated to provide more recent fishery-specific information. We are also concerned that there will be insufficient time to review the updated analyses and provide informed comments. The HMS Management Team is planning a [workshop to discuss hard caps October 12 – 14](#). The purpose of that meeting is to “discuss and prepare analyses supporting Council action on hard caps for the California large mesh DGN fishery.” This necessarily implies there will be materials submitted after the Advanced Briefing Book deadline. We are concerned that this will not provide sufficient time for us (and the interested public) to make informed comments to assist in your decision-making.

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