

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

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) recommends the Council unshade the Marine Planning Committee agenda item in the [Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary](#). We expect the March meeting to overlap with public comment opportunities on Draft Wind Energy Areas off the Oregon coast.

We recommend the shaded June item on Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Workshop Planning be moved to the March meeting and combined with exempted fishing permits (EFPs) – Criteria. We also recommend a webinar be convened prior to the March meeting to facilitate the Council discussion on these topics.

Last September, the Council did not take action on a number of EFPs which were before it. We recommend the Council take up the PIER EFP application and consider approving it during the March meeting. This would provide the opportunity for that EFP applicant to fish the gear in areas outside the area which will be covered by the limited entry deep-set buoy gear fishery. This would allow them to utilize the gear in 2023 as opposed to having to wait until later and assist in the gathering of additional datasets.

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