

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

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) recommends that the Swordfish Monitoring and Management Plan (SMMP) scoping discussions be delayed until September or November given the need to better understand the implications of the Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act.

For this meeting, the HMSAS did not learn it was meeting virtually until January 24. The HMSAS also recommends the Council include in the Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary a forecast as to which of the Council Advisory Bodies (AB) will be meeting in person and those who will meet virtually. Many AB members have commitments or participate in fisheries that we schedule based on anticipated meeting schedules. We further recommend the Council engage with each AB before finalizing which meetings will be virtual or in-person.

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