

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

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) discussed the Year-At-A-Glance (YAG) ([Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 1](#)) and the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda ([Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 2](#)) for the September 2023 meeting and offers the following recommendations (Table 1).

For the September 2023 meeting:

- 1) Unshade the “Drift Gillnet (DGN) Transition & Amendment - Scoping” agenda item and recharacterize it as “DGN Transition Consultation” based on Council discussion under agenda item J.5
- 2) Unshade the Opah Stock Considerations agenda item

To address the Council guidance received under J.5, the HMSMT requests the following:

- 1) A webinar or webinars for advanced preparation for the joint meeting with the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) in September
- 2) An additional day in September for a joint meeting with the HMSAS to discuss a future meeting or workshop on the new document to replace the current Swordfish and Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP)
- 3) Add a check-in agenda item for reporting of the HMSMT/HMSAS joint meeting on SMMP workshop scoping to the November agenda

Table 1: HMSMT scheduling recommendations (agenda items that are candidates for rescheduling are shaded and red highlighted text indicated recommended changes)

September 2023	November 2023	March 2024
NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report
International Issues	International Issues	International Issues
EFPs: Final Recommendations	Essential Fish Habitat - FPA	
Essential Fish Habitat - ROA/PPA	SMMP Workshop Scoping - Check-in (ADDED)	
DGN Transition Consultation		
(RECHARACTERIZED AND UNSHADED)		
Opah Stock Considerations		
(UNSHADED)		

Given the overlap of the HMSMT membership with other advisory bodies (ABs), the HMSMT requests Council staff consider scheduling to avoid overlap of AB meetings involving the same advisory body members.

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