

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON
DRIFT GILLNET PERFORMANCE METRICS

During the March 2023 meeting, the Council decided against tasking the HMSMT with evaluating the drift gillnet fishery's performance on finfish metrics when considering workload and implications of the Driftnet Act. When doing so, the Council discussed availability of other tools by which the Council could continue to monitor the fishery's performance on finfish bycatch. One such mechanism in discussion included observer summary reports for the fishery. As discussed in [June 2021 Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#), NMFS worked with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to transition reporting of these summaries to the Apex Platform. These reports allow users to view the summary data by calendar year or by season, and are available on PacFIN's [Apex Reports Dashboard](#).