

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON SWORDFISH
FISHERY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP – SCOPING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) is in agreement that some sort of swordfish workshop should take place in the near future. Due to Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) budget restraints, we suggest a possible workshop before or during the September Council meeting in Spokane, Washington between the HMS Management Team and HMSAS to discuss:

1. The transition of the remaining drift gillnet fleet to other economically viable options, as required by Federal legislation.
2. Explore options to increase swordfish production within the Exclusive Economic Zone West Coast.

Future meetings including stakeholder engagement need to be planned at appropriate times and locations.

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