

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

# Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Doubletree Spokane  
Salon II  
322 N Spokane Falls Court  
Spokane, WA 99201  
Phone: 509-455-9600  
September 10-13, 2023

This Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) meeting will be held in person and is open to the public. Pertinent information will be posted on the Council's [September 2023 meeting webpage](#) prior to the meeting. A dedicated public comment agenda item has been scheduled for each day. Additional public comments may be taken at the discretion of the Chair. Dates and times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins. Breaks will be taken as necessary, at the discretion of the Chair. Agenda items listed under HMSAS Administrative Matters are in numerical order; other agenda items reflect their Council Meeting Agenda numbering. Times not specified for discussion and/or presentations will be allocated to the HMSAS's drafting and reviewing of statements, reports, etc.

## **Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

### **HMSAS Administrative Matters**

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| 1. Roll Call and Agenda Overview                     | Kit Dahl    |
| 2. Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Announcements | Mike Conroy |
| 3. Consider and Adopt Changes, Approve Agenda        | HMSAS       |
| 4. Assign Discussion Leads Rapporteurs               | Mike Conroy |

### **Joint HMSAS-HMSMT Meeting on HMS Roadmap Workshop**

(9:00 a.m.)

Mike Conroy, Alan Sarich

(Report to the Council in November)

### **Held in Salon II**

*In June 2023 the Council decided a new document should be developed to replace the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan that considers the range of species, in addition to swordfish, that have been economically important in the large mesh drift gillnet fishery. Because this fishery is slated to close, new fishing opportunities must be explored. This could be facilitated by developing priorities and methods for future exempted fishing permits (EFPs). It directed its HMSMT and HMSAS to hold this joint meeting to plan a workshop, which would consider changes*

*to plan goals reflecting the change in its scope, the design of EFPs addressing revised goals, transition of drift gillnet fishery participants to new gear types, timing and location of a workshop to facilitate stakeholder participation, and how an outside facilitator could help in the design and execution of such a workshop.*

*Discussion leaders and rapporteurs for individual topics will be assigned at the start of the joint meeting.*

1. Review Council guidance
2. Goals and objectives for an HMS roadmap to succeed the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan
3. HMS roadmap document contents
4. Workshop topics and draft agenda
5. Workshop timing, participation and facilitator role
6. Relationship between the HMS roadmap workshop and document

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
4:00 p.m. (or immediately following joint HMSAS-HMSMT meeting)

**HMSAS Administrative Matters**

5. Other Matters

Time permitting, discuss and draft reports for Council meeting agenda items.

**Monday, September 11, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

**I. Highly Migratory Species**

2. International Management Activities Celia Barroso  
(8:00 a.m.; on Council agenda Wednesday, September 13)

A joint HMSAS/MT briefing will be held in Salon II followed by separate discussion and report drafting.

3. Exempted Fishing Permits – Final Matt Craig  
(10:30 a.m.; on Council agenda Wednesday, September 13)
4. Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act – Transition Update Amber Rhodes  
(1:00 p.m.; on Council agenda Wednesday, September 13)

**HMSAS Administrative Matters**

6. Other Matters

Time permitting, discuss and draft reports for other Council meeting agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
4:00 p.m. (or immediately following Administrative Item 6)

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

**I. Highly Migratory Species**

- 5. Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment – Preliminary  
Kerry Griffin  
(8:00 a.m.; on Council agenda Wednesday, September 13)
- 6. Opah Stock Considerations  
Liz Hellmers, Matt Craig  
(10:30 a.m.; on Council agenda Wednesday, September 13)

**H. Administrative Matters**

- 10. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  
Mike Conroy  
(1:00 p.m.; on Council agenda Thursday, September 14)

**HMSAS Administrative Matters**

- 7. Other Matters  
Time permitting, discuss and draft reports for other Council meeting agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
4:00 p.m. (or immediately following Administrative Item 7)

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

**HMSAS Administrative Matters**

- 8. Finalize Reports  
*HMS items are on the Council floor starting at approximately 9:00 a.m.*

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