

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON GREATER  
FARALLONES AND MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES  
CORAL RESTORATION AND RESEARCH PLAN-SCOPING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) discussed HMS fisheries which may operate within the areas under consideration. Generally, gear types utilized by HMS fisheries do not pose a threat of bottom contact. As such, the HMSAS requests that commercial and recreational HMS fisheries not be included in further scoping for this project.

Additionally, the HMSAS request consideration of the following during scoping:

- Sunset dates on any regulations impacting west coast fisheries that could be extended if the project was proving to be effective. This would give fishing communities which benefit from those areas comfort that those regulations would cease to be effective if the purpose of the project was not being met.
- Some form of compensatory mitigation for fishing community members who can prove economic impacts from the closure of these areas.
- Potential impacts to other fishing operations resulting from effort shift as displaced harvesters relocate their operations.
- Limit impacts to non-HMS commercial and recreational fisheries by removing from consideration any proposed locations in waters less than 600 feet.