

DRIFT GILLNET BYCATCH PERFORMANCE REPORT

Since June 2017 the Council has been receiving an annual report from the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) comparing estimated bycatch in the large mesh drift gillnet (DGN) fishery for selected species/species groups against performance metrics. The methods for estimating and reporting bycatch have evolved over time. With the expected phase out of the fishery in 2027, the Council directed the HMSMT to focus reporting on protected species while available observer reports can be used to assess finfish bycatch. The HMSMT last reported the bycatch metrics in June 2023 (see the [situation summary](#) for a description of the history of this reporting). The HMSMT will provide a supplemental report with updated estimates of DGN bycatch performance for the 2021 and 2022 calendar years.

Council Action:

Review annual estimates against performance metrics for bycatch species.

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.4 Drift Gillnet Bycatch Performance Report Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Annual Estimates Against Performance Metrics for Bycatch Species