

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT
ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) appreciates the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) hosting the HMS Roadmap Workshop in advance of the June Council meeting. The Workshop was well attended with a significant number of local commercial and recreational fishery participants in attendance. If the Council intends to address the outcomes of the Workshop in one meeting, the HMSAS recommends it be scheduled for November (when meeting in Southern California) to maximize the ability of workshop attendees to participate in those conversations. However, the HMSAS recommends that the Council utilize a two-meeting process, with the initial report in September and final action adopting recommendations in November.

The HMSAS participated in a discussion about a proposal in front of the California Fish and Game Commission to change activities allowed within three closed areas (Gull Island, The Footprint State Marine Reserve/Federal Marine Reserve, and Santa Barbara Island). The harvest of HMS stocks is disallowed in those areas. The HMSAS recommends putting this on a future Council meeting agenda for the HMS Advisory Bodies to consider and provide specific recommendations.

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