

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) discussed the Year-at-a-Glance (YAG; [Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1](#)) and the Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda ([Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2](#)) for September 2024 and offers the following recommendations.

For the September 2024 meeting agenda:

- 1) Adjust the HMSMT's schedule to avoid conflict between HMS agenda floor time and travel.
- 2) Consider moving the "HMS Roadmap Workshop – Report" agenda item to November (in Southern California) to allow for more engagement by stakeholders.

On the YAG:

- 1) Move the shaded "FMP Amendment to Remove Drift Gillnet Gear" agenda item to the end of the YAG.

In September, the HMSMT is currently scheduled to be on the Council floor for HMS-related items on September 23, but also is scheduled to travel home that day. The HMSMT requests to either have the HMSMT meeting occur earlier to allow members to travel home prior to HMS being on the floor or else to stay through the HMS floor discussions, then travel the following day, September 24. This will allow the members to follow the HMS discussion as well as travel home safely from Spokane.

The HMSMT recommends that the Council's discussion of the HMS Roadmap should be moved to the November Council meeting. The November Council meeting will be held in Southern California during a time that would promote industry participation and allow participants to review and discuss the report prior to the meeting.

Given that the drift gillnet fishery will sunset in December 2027, the HMSMT supports scheduling the FMP amendment agenda item in 2026.

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