HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INFLATION REDUCTION ACT PROJECTS – CHECK IN

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) received a briefing from Ms. Gilly Lyons on the Inflation Reduction Act projects. We request the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) emphasize Project 3 Developing climate-ready fishing methods that mitigate bycatch of non-target associated species in a changing ecosystem.

We support this process and received very positive responses from the participants in the San Diego HMS Roadmap workshop in June 2024. We hope when the Council discusses this topic in November, they will encourage workshop participants to continue the dialogue in an appropriate forum to inform and advise the Council on strategies to revitalize west coast HMS fisheries by developing fishing practices to access underutilized HMS stocks in a manner that mitigates such bycatch.

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