

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON  
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS - IDENTIFY TOP SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT  
CHALLENGES

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) was briefed by Scientific and Statistical Committee member Dr. Cheryl Barnes on Research and Data (R&D) Needs. The HMSMT discussed the R&D Challenges identified in [Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 1](#). The HMSMT supports the listed challenges, including the Habitat Committee's recommendation to add challenge number 5 ([Agenda Item D.3.a Supplemental HC Report 1](#)).

The HMSMT believes the high-level description of its R&D Needs in the advanced briefing book is largely inclusive of research and data needed for HMS management purposes. The HMSMT recommends the Council prioritize ongoing R&D Needs for HMS management, such as HMS diet data collection, which is a topic of interest for both HMS and Coastal Pelagic Species management and is needed to identify essential fish habitat. The HMSMT also recommends prioritizing emerging time sensitive needs as it continues its work to update its R&D Needs, such as those required to develop the HMS Roadmap.

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