HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Subpanel would like to support National Marine Fisheries Service on their progress to issue the twelve HMS exempted fishing permits that were recommended for approval by the Council years ago. We hope that by next summer these permits will be issued and all vessels will be able to start fishing. As work continues on the HMS Roadmap we believe data generated by these exempted fishing permits will help inform many of the Action Items of the Roadmap in support of the overarching goal to increase the landing of HMS species on the west coast.

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