

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL
REPORT ON RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) met virtually on April 8, 2025, to review and discuss a number of Cross Fishery Management Plan agenda items. The HMSAS discussed an HMS-specific statement in the [Scientific and Statistical Committee Report 1](#) in the Data Collection section under Science and Management Challenges. The last bullet point under Catch (landings and discards) subheader reads *Conduct experimental fisheries to support management of HMS fisheries and reduce bycatch*. The HMSAS recommends rewording as follows:

Conduct experimental fisheries to support management of HMS fisheries to increase domestic production of underutilized resources and minimizing bycatch.

With the impending phase-out of the drift gill net fishery, the other gear types authorized to harvest HMS (purse seine, pole-and-line, deep-set buoy gear and rod-and-reel) do not have bycatch issues which need to be reduced.

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