

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL
REPORT ON COUNCIL EFFICIENCIES

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) received a presentation on Council Efficiencies from Kerry Griffin and Gilly Lyons. The HMSAS reviewed the Table in [Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 3: Proposed Council Meeting Schedule by FMP and Advisory Body Meeting Format for 2027 and Beyond](#).

The HMSAS appreciates retaining the in-person component of the June and November meetings and fully supports this as it aligns with our prior comments.

We do have concerns about the approach outlined in even years. Initiating a process whereby one Advisory Body meets in-person, while the other meets remote, seems highly **inefficient**. Given recent changes in the timing of exempted fishing permit application processes, the need for HMS agenda items in September is reduced. HMS issues may warrant including HMS on the Council's September agenda; but hard wiring a standing, in-person HMS meeting in September in even numbered years seems premature.

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