

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON COUNCIL EFFICIENCIES

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) reviewed the reference materials for this agenda item and appreciates the Council's efforts to streamline operations while managing budget and workload constraints. Regarding the proposed schedule in [Attachment 3](#), the HMSMT recommends that the Council consider:

- **Preserve Joint Meetings:** Maintain joint in-person meetings for the HMSMT and HMS Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) when items requiring joint discussion with the HMSAS are on the agenda, increasing efficiency by fostering direct discussion and streamlining cross-body coordination.
- **Adjust the Proposed Schedule for Even Years:** Schedule both the HMSMT and HMSAS to meet in-person in June during even years, if it achieves the purpose of the Advisory Bodies meeting in-person at least twice a year. Retain HMS on the Council's September meeting agenda in even years to meet the needs of biennial management but have participation by the HMSMT and HMSAS be remote.

The HMSMT recognizes the complex balancing act of managing Council workloads and fiscal limitations. We remain committed to working with the Council and the HMSAS to identify creative scheduling solutions that protect critical advisory coordination while respecting operational constraints.

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