

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) notes there are significant decision points next summer on HMS stocks that are critical to HMS fisheries and fishing communities. The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Joint Working Group (JWG) on Pacific Bluefin tuna will consider adopting a final Harvest Strategy during its scheduled meeting in July. Also, the current IATTC measure on Pacific Bluefin tuna expires at the end of next year. As such, there is an expectation PBF management measures will be discussed. Additionally, we envision clarification on future management of North Pacific albacore. Given that, we strongly support the HMS Advisory Bodies meeting in person in June as opposed to March.

We also note the proposed Agenda for [March Quick Reference](#) currently has the HMS Roadmap: EFP Goals and Metrics – Final as a shaded item. Assuming a need for the HMS Advisory Bodies to be in-person for the Roadmap item, we would support moving that Agenda item to June as well. If the Roadmap remains on the March meeting, we still prioritize June for an in-person meeting.

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