HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND PRIORITIES

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) reviewed the reference materials for this agenda item and suggests the following further revisions to D.4, Supplemental Attachment 2:

1) Remove the proposed change for HMS scheduling during even years in Table 1.

2) Revise Table 2 by removing the checkmark for HMS in April of odd years.

The proposed change in Table 1 of Attachment 2 to drop either June or September in even years does not meet the needs of the biennial management cycle as the HMSMT previously stated in June 2024 (Supplemental HMSMT Report 1). The September meeting in even years is important for satisfying National Standard 1 requirements, and for allowing a 3-meeting process, if needed, to address statutory requirements in MSA 304 (e) and (i) in a timely way.

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