HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS), in a joint meeting with the HMS Management Team, reviewed and discussed the materials presented under this Agenda item, including stock updates according to domestic status determination criteria and how these reference levels comport with recently adopted international reference points. The HMSAS is comforted that recent actions taken internationally should greatly minimize the potential for the Council to be obligated to make recommendations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 304(i) to address international overfishing.

The HMSAS would also like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Amber Rhodes for all she has done for HMS fisheries and fishing communities. Hers will be big shoes to fill; but we look forward to continuing to work closely with NMFS staff on these, and other, matters related to HMS.

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