

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

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) remains in support of a scoping process to consider an amendment to the HMS fishery management plan (FMP) to authorize shallow-set longline (SSLL) gear. The HMSAS received a presentation from Mr. Brett Wiedoff (Council staff) who will be staffing the upcoming agenda item and is proactively gathering information from stakeholders to inform the scoping process. We look forward to further work on this agenda item scheduled for the June 2019 meeting in San Diego, an ideal location for HMS fishery stakeholders who reside in the southern California region.

Regarding the September 2019 agenda, we see that SSLL range of alternatives (ROA) is slated for that meeting. Given there may be a need for final actions to authorize the deep-set buoy gear (DSBG), and various research and analysis needs that may result from scoping in June, we would be okay moving SSLL ROAs to November, Costa Mesa meeting. Again, that southern California location is most accessible to interested stakeholders.

We also ask the Council to consider scheduling items which reach across the various fisheries (Ecosystem, Habitat, etc.) towards the end of future meetings. During the March 2019 meeting, Ecosystem items relevant to HMS were heard on the floor before the HMSAS started our meeting. Scheduling those items later in a meeting schedule will allow all interested Management Teams and Advisory Panels to provide input and comments on items which may impact their fisheries.

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