

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER PROTECTION OF CURRENTLY
UNMANAGED FORAGE SPECIES

The members of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) (including the commercial, charter, recreational, public, and environmental representatives) want to bring to the Council's attention that their constituents have a substantial and vital interest in both the subject matter and the development of advice from the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, the Ecosystem Plan Development Team, the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and the Coastal Pelagic Management Team in the specific area of FORAGE SPECIES, both managed and unmanaged. The interest of the aforementioned sectors of the fisheries is the need for live bait to conduct their fisheries.

The HMSAS asks the Council to consider some mechanism by which a member of the HMSAS can liaison with one or more of these subpanels and management teams in order to cooperate in the development of any management measures recommended to the Council. The HMSAS has a designated member who can fill this role; however, there are various administrative matters, such as covering that member's expenses, which will be increased by the necessity to attend more Council meeting days as well as subpanel and management team meetings.

Additionally, the HMSAS requests the Council to assure there are sufficient resources made available so that there are enough conference-telephone or "go-to-meeting" computer resources in order to allow those members of the HMSAS to conference in to meetings of the above-listed subpanels and management team meetings. Also the HMSAS requests that arrangements be made to provide them with the briefing book materials from the listed entities in advance of Council meetings.

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