

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) has interpreted the Council's assignment to evaluate changes to the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area southern boundary or closure dates as elements to be considered both in combination, or separately (i.e. with an "and/or" approach). In addition, should the HMSMT through its assessment of the best available science identify alternative closed area and/or time modifications, those which merit consideration by the Council will be reported upon. Based on this interpretation, the HMSMT will proceed with developing alternatives. If this interpretation is not correct, the Council should schedule time on the November Council agenda to provide further direction per Agenda Item G.7.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report. The HMSMT will report on progress at the March 2013 meeting.

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