

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

With regard to the Supplemental National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Catch Share Policy distributed at this meeting, the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) regards catch share programs as inappropriate for internationally managed HMS fisheries.

NOAA acknowledges that catch shares may not be the best management option for every fishery and will not require the use of catch shares in any particular fishery.

The HMSAS strongly believes that the conservation, social and economic goals of sustainably managed HMS fisheries can best be achieved without catch shares.

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