ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) will be reviewing and commenting on Council agenda items C.5, Habitat Elements of the Groundfish Rebuilding Plans; C.10, Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement; D.1, Review of West Coast Marine Reserves Efforts; D.2, Marine Reserve Proposals for Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary; F.1, NMFS Report on Salmon Management including Columbia River flow issues; and F.4, Queets River Coho Status Review. Other issues that will be discussed at the September HSG meeting include the Council Operating Procedures (COP) for the HSG; regional Council approaches to the identification and protection of habitat areas of particular concern; fishing gear impact information; mortality of Sacramento winter chinook at the Clifton Pumps, and the Sacramento winter chinook recovery plan (see Ancillary D for the complete agenda).

Council Action:

1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HSG at the September meeting.

Reference Materials:

1. Habitat Steering Group Agenda (Ancillary D).

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