

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday, April 7, 2003 to discuss the following topics:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing issues
- Klamath/Trinity River flows
- Battle Creek and American River fish kills
- San Francisco Airport expansion
- Essential fish habitat and programmatic environmental impact statements
- Dr. Richard Parrish report on marine reserves

The HC has prepared a letter on 2003 Klamath River flows for Council consideration (Supplemental Attachment 4) and a letter on FERC relicensing (Attachment 1). In addition, the Council received a response to its letter to the U.S. Secretary of Interior on Klamath River flows. That response is attached (Attachment 2). A letter from the Klamath Fishery Management Council to the Department of the Interior is also enclosed for your information (Attachment 3). The HC's complete agenda is provided in Ancillary F.

Council Action:

1. **Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the April meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Letter on FERC relicensing (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 1).
2. Letter from U.S. Department of the Interior on Klamath River flows (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 2).
3. Letter from Klamath Fishery Management Council to the U.S. Department of the Interior (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 3).
4. Letter on Klamath River flows (Exhibit D.1, Supplemental Attachment 4).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Report of the HC
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations

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