Supplement to the Report of the Ad Hoc Essential Fish Habitat Environmental Impact Statement Oversight Committee

Maps of the Alternatives

Errata

On page 3 of the Report (Agendum C.6.b, Committee Report), under the heading Alternatives for Designation of EFH:

Alternative 2, “…upper 70% of HSP area for all other groundfish...” should read “…upper 60% of HSP area for all other groundfish...”

Alternative 3, “…upper 80% of the HSP area for all other groundfish...” should read “…upper 70% of the HSP area for all other groundfish...”

The enclosed maps are based on the corrected values.
EFH Alternative 1 (Status Quo): Maintain current designation (i.e. whole EEZ), based on the following seven habitat composites: Estuarine; Rocky Shelf; Nonrocky Shelf; Canyon; Continental Slope/Basin; Neritic Zone; and Oceanic Zone.
EFH Alternative 2: Designate upper 90% area of overfished species habitat suitability probability (HSP) greater than zero, 80% area greater than zero for precautionary zone species, and upper 60% of HSP area for all other groundfish, and all seamounts.
EFH Alternative 3: Designate 100% of the HSP area of overfished species, upper 90% of the HSP area for precautionary zone species, and upper 70% of the HSP area or all other groundfish, and all seamounts.
EFH Alternative 4: Designate 100% of the area where HSP is greater than zero for all species.
EFH Alternative 5: Designate upper 70% of the area where HSP is greater than zero.
EFH Alternative 6: Designate upper 30% of the area where HSP is greater than zero for all species.
EFH Alternative 7: Designate 100% of the area where HSP is greater than zero for assessed species only.
EFH Alternative 8: Designate 100% of the area where HSP is greater than zero for all species and any additional area in depths <= 3,500m
HAPC Alternative 2: Designate estuaries as HAPC.
HAPC Alternative 4: Designate seagrass beds as HAPC.
HAPC Alternative 5: Designate core habitat for juvenile and adult overfished and precautionary zone groundfish species as HAPC.
HAPC Alternative 7: Designate areas of interest HAPC.
Minimize Impacts Alternative 2: Depth-based gear restrictions for large footrope trawl gear and fixed gear. Option 1
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Minimize Impacts Alternative 4: Restrict the expansion of commercial fisheries. Option 1
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Minimize Impacts Alternative 7: Prohibit bottom trawling in "hotspot" areas that also coincide with areas with high sensitivity and recovery index values. Option 1
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Minimize Impacts Alternative 7: Prohibit bottom trawling in "hotspot" area that also coincide with areas with high sensitivity and recovery index values. Option 3
Minimize Impacts Alternative 8: Limit fishing impacts in areas of interest.
Minimize Impacts Alternative 9: Zoning alternative.