

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON PROPOSED OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

The Habitat Committee (HC) heard presentations from Mr. Don Kent of Hubb/Sea World on the proposed offshore aquaculture demonstration project, and Mr. James Ferro of the Ocean Conservancy on the cumulative impacts of aquaculture as well as impacts from inadequately regulated aquaculture projects. The HC discussed whether or not it would be appropriate to have national standards for marine aquaculture, and was pleased to learn that NOAA is considering developing such standards. An opportunity for further comments on the specific Hubbs/Sea World proposal will occur once the National Environmental Protection Act process is underway.

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