

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2015 to discuss groundfish essential fish habitat, West coast water issues, rules governing protection of Oregon's riparian areas, Sacramento winter-run Chinook salmon, and related issues. The HC will be discussing Oregon Department of Forestry rulemaking surrounding the "Protecting Coldwater" criterion as the subject of a possible letter. A summary of the issue is attached (Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1).

At the June Council meeting, the Council approved a letter on Humboldt Bay aquaculture projects (see <http://tinyurl.com/o49v57y>). The HC is arranging to receive a briefing from the project proponents in November.

In addition, the Council approved a letter for the September briefing book on the P MEC-SETS ocean energy test site off Newport, Oregon. As of late August, the license application that the Council would have been commenting on has not yet been released, so a letter has not been developed.

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1: Summary of Oregon Dept. of Forestry rulemaking issue
2. Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental HC Report.

Agenda Order:

F.1. Current Habitat Issues

- a. Report of the Habitat Committee
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

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