

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Friday, April 4, 2014, to discuss California drought, salmon, and Coleman National Fish Hatchery issue; the proposed boundary expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, and other topics.

At the March Council meeting, the Council approved a letter on habitat concerns related to KZO Sea Farms, with edits. The final letter is attached (Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 1). The Council directed staff to send a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Coleman National Fish Hatchery release planning; which letter is attached as Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 2. The Council also directed the HC to draft a letter commenting on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Statement (Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 3) for Council consideration.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.**
- 2. Provide guidance for comments on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 1: Letter on KZO Sea Farms.
2. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 2: Letter to USFWS.
3. Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 3: Draft Letter to NMFS Regarding the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan.
4. Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental HC Report.
5. Agenda Item B.1.c, USFWS Report.

### **Agenda Order:**

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

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