

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Friday, March 7, 2014, to discuss groundfish essential fish habitat, the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment report, California drought and salmon issues, the Pacific Marine Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership, and other issues.

At the November Council meeting, the HC proposed writing a letter on habitat concerns related to KZO Sea Farms. The letter is attached (Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1). Although the KZO Sea Farms project has moved forward quickly since the November Council meeting, and the California Coastal Commission's comment period has passed, the HC believes that the letter provides useful information to the California Coastal Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition, the Habitat Committee received a Council request for background information on the Pacific Marine Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership. Some background information is attached (Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 2) and further information will be provided in the HC report.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1: Letter on KZO Sea Farms.
2. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 2: Background information on Pacific Marine Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership.
3. Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental HC Report.
4. Agenda Item E.1.d, Public Comment.

### **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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