

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NATIONAL  
HABITAT ASSESSMENT PLAN BRIEFING

Ms. Mary Yoklavich of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center will present a summary of NOAA's Marine Fisheries Habitat Assessment Improvement Plan (HAIP). This planning document will help NOAA meet its responsibilities in sustaining marine fisheries and habitats. The document, published in May 2010, is the first nationally coordinated plan to focus on the marine fisheries aspects of habitat science. It outlines current gaps in NOAA Fisheries' habitat science, steps to improve habitat assessments, and the need for an integrated, national habitat science program.

**Council Task: Discussion.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 1: Summary of HAIP report

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Fisheries Science Center Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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