

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SALMON ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT AMENDMENT 18 –
UPDATE OF ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH) FOR SALMON

The Habitat Committee (HC) acknowledges the extensive amount of work that has been developed in support of Amendment 18 and supports Council adoption of the following alternatives:

1B, 2B, 2D, 3B (with exclusion of the 1806002 Pajaro hydrologic unit), 3C, 4B, 5B, 6B, 6D, 7B, 8B, 9B through 9F, 10B, 10C, and 11B; 11C 1 – 10 (the HC recommends that the section referring to coal export terminals be retained, with reference to recommendations in other sections of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) appendix, such as over-water structures, bank stabilization, estuarine alteration, and vessel operations); 12B, and 13B.

If the Council adopts alternative 13B, the HC will develop a process for regularly reviewing updated information on salmon EFH (e.g. annually) and recommending changes to EFH provisions of the Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

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