

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24, 2014, to discuss the proposed boundary expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries, California drought issues, the KZO Sea Farms aquaculture project, and other issues.

At the April Council meeting, the Council approved three letters drafted by the Habitat Committee:

- Attachment 1, a letter to NOAA Fisheries in support of establishing a pilot project with fisheries-specific habitat conservation objectives for Council-managed species,
- Attachment 2, a letter to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on the Pacific Marine Energy Center South Energy Test Site, and
- Supplemental Attachment 3, a letter on the Sacramento Bay/Delta Conservation Plan.

The Council also directed the HC to draft the following two draft letters:

- Attachment 4, commenting on the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries' proposed boundary expansion for Council consideration, and
- Attachment 5, commenting on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.**
- 2. Provide guidance on the two draft letters provided.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1: Letter to NOAA on fisheries-specific habitat objectives.
2. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2: Letter to Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.
3. Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 3: Letter regarding the Bay/Delta Conservation Plan.
4. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 4: Draft Letter to Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.
5. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 5: Draft letter to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on their Fish and Wildlife Program.
6. Agenda Item H.1.b, Supplemental HC 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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