

HABITAT COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON
ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT

At the March 2013 Council meeting, Ms. Yvonne deReynier provided to the Habitat Committee (HC) a presentation that described the updates to and restructuring of the draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) since the November 2012 Council. The HC has closely followed the development of the FEP and appreciates the Ecosystem Plan Development Team's (EPDT) efforts in drafting such a comprehensive ecosystem-based fishery management document to guide future Council decisions. The HC also appreciates the EPDT's efforts in including HC comments and suggestions into the draft FEP where appropriate.

The HC recommends the Council adopt the draft FEP (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1) including the Initiatives Appendix (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2) and the schedule and process for developing and amending the FEP and the Ecosystem Initiatives Appendix (Appendix A to the FEP).

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