

MARINE RESERVES PHASE II CONSIDERATIONS

Situation: If under agenda item B.1, the Council decided marine reserves should not play a role in management of West Coast groundfish fisheries, this agenda item can be eliminated. If the Council wishes to proceed with marine reserves, it will need to establish a process for developing specific recommendations. The recommendations will need to cover activities to be restricted, size, configuration, and specific sites for reserves on the West Coast. The successful siting of marine reserves will involve participation, planning, and analysis at levels more local than have been typical for Council management of the groundfish fishery. Development of this process should probably take into account limits on Council budget and personnel and involve constituencies not typically involved in Council processes.

The Council could attempt to devise this process on the floor of the Council or refer it to one of its advisory committees, such as the strategic plan implementation committee, the Habitat Steering Group, or the Ad-Hoc Marine Reserve Committee.

Council Action:

- 1. Depending on the decision under Agenda Item B.1, either drop this agenda item or decide how to proceed with developing a process for Phase II.**

Reference Materials: None.

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