

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) will be reviewing and commenting on Council agenda items D.8, Habitat Elements of the Groundfish Rebuilding Plans; E.1, Status Report on All West Coast Marine Reserves Efforts; E.2, Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary Program; and F.2, Public Review Draft of the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. Other issues that will be discussed at the June HSG meeting include the effects of fishing gear on groundfish essential fish habitat (EFH), the relationship between Habitat Areas of Particular Concern and marine reserves, Klamath River flows, and EFH coordination (see Ancillary E for the complete agenda).

Council Action:

1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HSG at the June meeting.

Reference Materials:

1. Habitat Steering Group Agenda (Ancillary E).

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