

HABITAT STEERING GROUP COMMENTS ON
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The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) discussed the State of California marine reserves process, the Channel Islands Marine Reserve development process, and the Cordell Banks/Monterey/Farallon Islands Marine Reserve process. We were concerned about the following items:

1. The California alternatives do not appear to address any specific groundfish rebuilding goals.
2. The Channel Islands effort targets biodiversity, but does not address how their plans will fit into the Council's concern with rebuilding groundfish stocks.
3. We do not have specific proposals from the Cordell Banks/Monterey/Farallon Islands process at this time.

There was a consensus the Council should request that these other entities provide some analysis of how their proposals fit in with rebuilding objectives. At the same time, we recommend the Council set goals for marine protected areas and describe how they fit with external proposals.

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