

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18, 2002 to develop recommendations on the following agenda items:

- F.1 Review of Proposal for Marine Reserves in State Waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS)
- F.2 Update on Other Marine Reserves Processes
- C.5 Adoption of Draft Rebuilding Plans for Public Review for Pacific Ocean Perch, Lingcod, Cowcod, Widow Rockfish, and Darkblotched Rockfish
- C.6 FMP Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Other issues on the HC agenda include a report on the national essential fish habitat (EFH) rule; a report by a member of the National Research Council on trawling and dredging impacts; a discussion of the groundfish EFH environmental impact statement; and a discussion of a mission statement for the HC regarding groundfish EFH. The HC's complete agenda is provided in Ancillary D.

Update on Klamath River Flows Fast-Track Letter

At the April Council meeting, the Council approved a fast-track letter to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior regarding a National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinion (BO) on Klamath River flows. The opinion was delayed for several weeks, and the time allotted for public comment after the BO was issued was too short to allow the development of a fast-track letter. Therefore, no fast-track letter was sent.

Council Action:

1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the April meeting.

Reference Materials:

1. Habitat Committee Agenda (Ancillary D).
2. Exhibit E.1, Supplemental Attachment 1 CDFG Letter. *received 6/17/02*
3. Exhibit E.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Report of the Habitat Committee (HC)
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations and Take Action as Necessary

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4. Exhibit E.1.b, Supplemental HC Report.

~~5. Exhibit E.1, Supplemental Attachment 1 CDFG Letter.~~