

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday, June 16, 2003 to develop recommendations on the following agenda items:

- B.11 Status of the Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Environmental Impact Statement
- B.12 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Update
- G.1 Planning for Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS)
- G.2 Central California Sanctuary Processes Including Krill Ban

The HC will also be discussing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing issues specific to Priest Rapids Dam, Hanford Reach stranding issues, Klamath River flows (see related letter from the California Resources Agency to the Department of Interior, Attachment 1), and other matters. In addition, the HC will hear a report from Dr. Richard Parrish, National Marine Fisheries Service, on his proposal for Phase II of the Council's process in considering marine reserves.

The HC has prepared two letters for Council consideration:

1. A letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on 2003 Klamath River flows (Supplemental Attachment 2)
2. A letter on the FERC relicensing of Priest Rapids dam (Attachment 3).

The HC's complete agenda is provided in Ancillary D.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the June meeting.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Letter from California Resources Agency to Secretary of the Interior (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 1)
2. Letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on Klamath River flows (Exhibit D.1, Supplemental Attachment 2).
3. Letter to FERC on Priest Rapids dam relicensing (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 3)

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Report of the HC
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations

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