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HABITAT COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON
UPDATE ON WEST COAST MARINE PROTECTED AREAS ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) recommends a dialogue between the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary staff drafting alternatives for the MPA process and staff developing the groundfish essential fish habitat environmental impact statement (EFH EIS), habitat areas of particular concern, and the groundfish bycatch EIS. While the timelines and scales for these efforts are different, there may be opportunities to share information and integrate these efforts.

In addition, the Scientific and Statistical Committee Marine Reserves white paper is critically important to our deliberations on this issue. The HC requests this document at the SSC's earliest convenience, preferably well before the March 2004 Council meeting.

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