

HABITAT COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON  
KRILL HARVEST BAN PROPOSAL

The Habitat Committee (HC) applauds the Council for moving forward with a krill harvest ban because krill are prey for virtually all managed species. The HC recommends using whichever method is most effective and permanent to prevent the directed harvest of krill. However, the HC encourages the Council to select a method that does not require annual or biennial action - for example, setting an annual total allowable catch of zero.

We would like to see the Pacific Council follow the North Pacific Council's lead in protecting other forage species as well, and we would encourage consideration of banning harvest of an expanded list of forage species, not including currently managed or fished species.

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