

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday and Tuesday, November 1 and 2, 2004, to develop recommendations on the following Council agenda items:

- H.1 Federal Waters Portion of Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (NMS)
- H.2 Cordell Banks NMS
- H.3 Monterey Bay NMS
- H.4 Krill Harvest Ban
- E.5 Bycatch Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- E.7 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat - Preferred Alternatives

In addition, a fast-track letter sent by the Council to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding NMFS' Biological Opinion on Columbia River operations is attached.

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

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the November meeting.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1, Biological Opinion Letter: Letter to NMFS on Columbia River Biological Opinion.
2. Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental HC Report.

Agenda Order:

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

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