

## HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Habitat Committee (HC) met on Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5, 2005.

The HC will provide comments on the marine sanctuary issues under Agenda Item G.

The HC heard presentations on salmon ocean ecology and Klamath River fish disease research. HC members attended the Monday evening workshop on the groundfish essential fish habitat draft environmental impact statement. We agreed on a process to provide the Council with HC comments for its June meeting.

The HC also reviewed issues related to drought in the Klamath and Trinity River region. A letter on the Klamath issue was provided in the Briefing Book and a revised letter is in front of you as Revised Supplemental Attachment 1. Revisions focus on clarifications of Trinity River diversion and water bank issues.

Because of the drought conditions in the Columbia Basin, the HC also felt it appropriate to provide a short letter on Columbia River water management. It is attached as Supplemental Attachment 2.

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