

MOTION TO THE GROUND FISH ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT– FINAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

1. Draft the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment to include language for implementation of an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Committee and an adaptive management process. The Council should consider using the existing Ad Hoc Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee, with any necessary changes in membership, for this purpose. The Committee would meet as appropriate:
 - to review specific areas included as habitat areas of particular concern (HAPCs);
 - to review the scientific basis of any area designated as a non-bottom trawl area; and
 - to consider additional HAPCs or other protective measures.
2. If this Committee determines an area designated as a non-bottom trawl area is not supported by scientific data, the Committee, by majority vote, may recommend the Council modify, move, or eliminate that area.
3. The Council may initiate an action through a framework process to be included in the fishery management plan amendment to modify management measures through a rulemaking.

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PLEASE SEE THE FINAL VOTING LOG AND FINAL MINUTES for June 2005. This motion may or may not have had amendments.