

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PLANNING

The Habitat Committee (HC) reviewed the Council's three-meeting schedule and had the following comments:

- The HC believes that ecosystem management issues should be addressed in the agenda. This summer, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission produced a report on ecosystem approaches to fishery management. Dr. Peter Lawson of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee contributed to the report and has offered to provide an overview to the Council. The HC believes this would be a valuable use of Council time.
- The HC would like to meet in conjunction with the Council during the March meeting, rather than in advance of the meeting.
- In March, the HC may ask the Council to address Klamath Project flow issues associated with the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Biological Opinion (BO), which was recently remanded by the 9th Circuit Court back to District Court for injunctive relief (i.e. interim management measures).
- A remand to the Columbia River BO on hydropower operations has been issued with a new BO expected after one year. The Council may wish to comment on proposed interim management measures in March prior to the water management season.

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