

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
COUNCIL THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK, SEPTEMBER 2007 COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA, AND WORKLOAD PRIORITIES

The Habitat Committee (HC) reviewed the Council's three meeting outlook and workload priority documents. The HC noted that there are no placeholders for ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM) planning. We realize that the Council is investigating possible funding sources to assist in this process, but we thought it appropriate to include placeholders to update the Council on the status of funding and for when funding becomes available. The HC hopes the Council will take the lead in developing EBFM concepts rather than merely reacting to proposals by nongovernmental organizations and others.

Additionally, the HC thought there might be a need for future agenda items related to groundfish essential fish habitat (EFH) as Council Operating Procedures for the groundfish EFH review are developed.

We also note that salmon EFH revisions are not included in the three-meeting outlook.

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