

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Habitat Committee is curious about the status of funding for ecosystem-based management (EBM). Recent news stories about acidification of the oceans due to carbon inputs, ocean conditions contributing to the decline of Sacramento River fall Chinook, and similar stories have highlighted the need to consider and indeed emphasize the role of the ecosystem function in fisheries management. As we have said in previous comments on this agenda item, we would like to see placeholders for EBM on the three-meeting outlook, and would like to see time on the November agenda for a status report on EBM. We also encourage the Council to continue to seek funding for EBM and explore whether the \$200,000 originally allotted by National Marine Fisheries Service (contingent on matching funds from National Ocean Service) could be available by itself or if it could be matched by another entity, such as a private foundation.

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