

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Habitat Committee (HC) discussed appointments to the Ecosystem Plan Development Team. Since the ecosystem management plan will serve as an umbrella plan for the other fishery management plans, the HC recommends that the Council ask agencies to nominate potential members with extensive habitat, ecosystem-based management, and socioeconomic expertise.

In addition, there should be explicit coordination and enhanced communication with existing advisory bodies such as the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the HC, the Groundfish Management Team, and other advisory bodies. As the Ecosystem Plan Development Team meets, the Council should invite (and fund) appropriate representatives of these advisory bodies to participate.

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