

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT/ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA PROJECT TEAM
REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Essential Fish Habitat/Rockfish Conservation Area (EFH/RCA) Project Team is developing an analytical document in advance of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) selection of preliminary preferred alternatives (PPAs), for Amendment 28 to the Groundfish fishery management plan. The Project Team has outlined a process, schedule, and section leads that will ensure that the analytical document will be sufficiently detailed to allow for selection of PPAs. (See Table 1 on following page).

Given the magnitude and complexity of the analytical needs, the document will not be available in time for the September 2016 Council meeting. The Project Team therefore recommends moving PPA selection from September to November 2016.

Table 1: EFH/RCA Project Team Tasks and Timeline

Due Date	Task/Event	Notes
June 13	Finalize metrics, including years, data source, etc.	
June 13	Obtain final Collaborative shapes	Complete
June 14	Team call. Review data/metrics tables, data sources, etc.	Complete
June 14-17	Modify the metrics tables	Complete
June 17	Write Team report recommending moving PPAs from Sept to November	In review
June 17	Conservation values – determine feasibility, time, and cost	Discussed on 6/21. Small group to follow up
June 17	Habitat recovery times	Discussion pending
June 21	Write up protected resources summary based on electronic monitoring document; discuss with NMFS PRD	Pending
Late June, TBD	Check in with Collaborative and Oceana/NRDC/OC proponents; confirm spatial boundaries	1 complete; 1 pending
Early July	Develop mock-up for conservation values metric	
Early July	Identify port groups, consider using the same aggregations as used in the SAFE which are the IOPAC groups	In progress
July 15	Confirm level of detail required for BAC analysis with NOAA GC.	In progress
July 15 (?)	PacFIN staff provides logbook data to Project Team	Note: logbook workflow is described in a Google Doc.
July 15	All shape files for the OF'd species discrete area closures derived from fishery dependent and independent data (CPUE/hotspot analysis) delivered to GIS analyst	1 st draft complete
July 22	Summary metric tables; including hauls that intersect polygons, for catch comp and S-E analysis.	Provided to NMFS by GIS analyst
July 29	Catch compositions and revenue tables, delivered to Project Team	
August 1	All metrics/data available to section authors	
Sept 15-21	Sept Council meeting	
Sept 15	Final draft analytical document for internal review , includes GC/NEPA if available	Consider additional round of review. NOTE: date was moved from 9/27 to 9/15, to allow more review time.
October 11	Review period concludes; discuss any unresolved issues	
Oct 18	November BB deadline	Final analytical document submitted
Oct 18-Nov 10	Develop PPT presentation and plan for Council and AB presentations	
Nov 16-21	November council meeting – select PPA	
Dec 16-Jan 17	Develop draft EIS; analyze integrated PPA	
Feb 2017	March BB deadline – early February	
March 7-14 2017	March Council meeting	Selection of Final Preferred Alternative

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