

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES
COORDINATION REPORT

The Habitat Committee (HC) discussed the National Marine Sanctuaries Coordination Report and was impressed by the breadth of the activities in which the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) and the West Coast Sanctuaries are engaged. The report provides summaries of activities that include nominations, management, climate change, habitat, research and monitoring, and recreational fishing, and directs the reader where to find greater detail on those activities. The HC found the report informative and recommends that ONMS continue reporting on an annual basis.

If the Council decides to pursue a climate change initiative under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan, we recommend that Council and National Marine Fisheries Service staff review the Climate-Smart Conservation Program of Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to consider options for coordination if relevant.

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