

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
REVIEW OF FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVES

The Habitat Committee (HC) heard from Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council Staff Officer of the Ecosystem Workgroup, review of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives. The HC recommends that the Council select the Climate Change Initiative, but look at the effects of climate change on habitat as a whole, not just the habitat used by Council-managed species. The HC also thought that the scope of the proposed initiative was too broad, and would require too much time and effort. Instead, we recommend that the initiative begin with a pilot project that examines the effects of climate change on a specific group, such as a feeding guild or a group of ecologically similar species (including non-Council-managed species).

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