

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Dr. Michele McClure provided a presentation to the Habitat Committee (HC) on the Climate Vulnerability Assessment report developed by National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center and partners. The presentation focused principally on the methodology used for the report. Two manuscripts are in preparation which will provide information on the results, including species narratives and vulnerability scores.

The HC observes that a comprehensive West Coast Climate Vulnerability Assessment should include additional species, such as vulnerable invertebrates (including habitat-forming invertebrates) and those managed by the states.

The Climate Vulnerability Assessment will be a useful tool for prioritizing Fishery Ecosystem Plan and California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) work, and could focus attention on species risk for the CCIEA report.

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