

## HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY COORDINATION REPORT

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a presentation from Dr. Lisa Wooninck on the annual report from the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) aimed at enhancing coordination and collaboration among ONMS, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Council. The HC notes the discovery of a very large aggregation of brooding octopus in the Davidson Seamount Management Zone. This area has had collaborative protection from fishing gear impacts through the designation of an essential fish habitat Habitat Conservation Area since 2006, and from other impacts to benthic habitats via the National Marine Sanctuaries Act since 2008.

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