

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2019 to discuss southern resident killer whale and humpback whale critical habitat, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan Review, salmon reintroduction above the Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams, and other topics. The HC will also meet by webinar on October 30, and discuss offshore wind energy, California's Central Valley Project, the proposed Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas project, and other matters.

On September 27, the Council sent a letter generated by the HC on the proposed Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas project to the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (Attachment 1).

In September, the Council requested that the HC draft a comment letter on the Central Valley Project/State Water Project Biological Opinion/Section 7 Consultation for the November briefing book. The Biological Opinion was released by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on October 21 and the HC is developing a comment letter (Supplemental Attachment 2).

The Council also requested that the HC draft a letter encouraging the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) in their Klamath dam removal efforts for review at this meeting. Since that time, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and NMFS have recommended the Council postpone this letter until after the KRRC submits its Definite Plan and "guaranteed maximum price" to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, slated in February 2020.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: Final Letter to the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.
2. *Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1.*
3. If received, public comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

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| G.1 Current Habitat Issues  | Jennifer Gilden |
| a. Report of the Habitat Committee  | Correigh Greene |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies              |                 |
| c. Public Comment   |                 |
| d. <b>Council Action:</b> Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations |                 |