

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Tuesday, March 3 to discuss the Columbia River System Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement, ecosystem matters, salmon rebuilding plans, essential fish habitat for highly migratory species, and other matters.

On December 20, 2019, the Council sent a letter to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Bureau of Reclamation on the Central Valley Water Project (Attachment 1). NMFS' response to the letter is provided (Attachment 2). The Council also sent a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management on the Jordan Cove Project (Attachment 3). The Council has not yet received a response.

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1: Council letter to NMFS and Bureau of Reclamation on California's Central Valley Project.
2. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2: Response from NMFS to Council letter on Central Valley Project.
3. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 3: Council letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management on Jordan Cove Project.
4. *Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1.*
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| D.1 Current Habitat Issues | Jennifer Gilden |
| a. Report of the Habitat Committee | Lance Hebdon |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations | |