

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9 and 10, to discuss ecosystem management issues, salmon rebuilding plans, essential fish habitat for highly migratory species, and other matters.

As directed by the Council via email, the HC has developed a draft letter to the California Energy Commission regarding siting of offshore wind energy projects off the coast of Central California. The draft letter can be found under Agenda Item J.1 Attachment 1.

In June the Council also discussed and approved the HC suggestion of sending a letter responding to the aquaculture provisions of the Executive Order Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, specifically the Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits on finfish, seaweed, and multi-species aquaculture. The HC is awaiting a formal notice from the Corps of Engineers before developing this letter.

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 1: Draft letter to the California Energy Commission.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| J.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 | |