

## REVIEW OF ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT – PHASE 2

At its September 2020 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) considered a Phase 1 report on review of essential fish habitat (EFH) provisions in the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Council embarked on Phase 2 of the process, and directed the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) to develop a Phase 2 action plan and scope of work. Council staff worked with the HMSMT to develop these items, which are included in Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1. This process follows Council Operating Procedure 22, which describes the Council’s EFH review process for all FMPs. At this meeting, the Council will consider adopting a proposed Phase 2 action plan, which includes a scope, objectives, schedule, and key personnel.

### **Council Action:**

**Approve the EFH review Phase 2 action plan.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1: Phase 2 Action Plan for Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat Review.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- H.2 Review of Essential Fish Habitat – Phase 2 Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Approve a Scope of Work for an Amendment Process to Modify Essential Fish Habitat Determinations