

HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Monday, November 15, to discuss marine planning, potential reopening of groundfish fishing areas, the Southern California oil spill, and other matters.

At its September 2021 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) directed the HC to develop a quick response letter on decommissioning of oil rigs off California. That letter was sent on October 14, 2021 and can be found on the Council's correspondence [webpage](#).

The Council also directed the HC to track the Nordic Aquafarms Environmental Impact Review (EIR) and prepare a letter for Council consideration once the EIR becomes available. The EIR had not been released by the advanced Briefing Book deadline, but the HC will discuss the topic at its November 15 meeting.

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

1. *Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1.*
2. If received, public comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| D.1 Current Habitat Issues | Kerry Griffin |
| 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 | |