

MARINE PLANNING

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met February 1, 2022, to consider current marine planning issues and develop a report for the March Council meeting. Topics included recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) planning activities, development of draft policy guidance documents on offshore development activities, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOA) updates.

This agenda item will include brief updates from BOEM and NOAA representatives on offshore wind energy planning and NOAA AOAs, respectively. The Council should consider topics and recommendations in the MPC Report (C.2.a, MPC Report 1), the draft policy guidance documents by the Ecosystem Workgroup (C.2.a, EWG Report 1), the MPC (Agenda Item C.2.a, MPC Report 2), and the HC (Agenda Item C.2.a, HC Report 1). Note that although there are three different policy guidance documents in the advanced Briefing Book materials, it is likely that they may eventually be merged into a single document. The Council should provide guidance as appropriate.

Council Action:

Consider the Marine Planning Committee report, draft policy guidance documents, and make recommendations for future engagement in marine planning activities.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, MPC Report 1.
2. Agenda Item C.2.a, MPC Report 2.
3. Agenda Item C.2.a, EWG Report 1.
4. Agenda Item C.2.a, HC Report 1.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

C.2 Marine Planning

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review Recent Activity, Consider Draft Policy Documents, and Provide Guidance on Format, Content, and a Schedule for Future Council Engagement