HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

In order to address the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) request for input on habitat indicators for Central Valley Spring Chinook, the Habitat Committee (HC) anticipates engaging with members of the Salmon Technical Team, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Southwest and Northwest Fisheries Science Centers, as it did to generate the first set of habitat indicators. In addition to preparation during the spring, we expect some of this work to occur during the June and September 2022 Council meetings. The National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Regional Office is hoping for efforts to be relatively complete in the fall, with a report ready for the November meeting.

The HC is developing a proposed letter on the Klamath Dam Draft Environmental Impact Statement, for consideration at the April Council meeting. In addition, the HC will continue supporting the development of policy guidance documents related to ocean development activities, as well as supporting comment letters on OR Call Areas and NOAA Aquaculture Opportunity Areas.

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