

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT

The review of conditions for Central Valley (CV) Spring Chinook highlighted the utility of habitat indicators developed for Central Valley and Klamath fall run stocks for informing data-poor stocks like CV Spring Chinook. These indicators are now annually updated in the Ecosystem Status Report (Agenda Item H.2.a, 2021-2022 California Current Ecosystem Status Report), and as noted in the report, they suggest poor freshwater conditions and mixed marine conditions for the 2020 brood year. The indicators were previously developed by the HC under Pacific Fishery Management Council guidance for addressing non-fishing issues associated with rebuilding plans of the two fall run stocks. The Habitat Committee supports the NMFS report's opinion that further refinement of the indicators for Spring run stocks are warranted because of differences in life history. A refinement approach may also be useful for developing habitat indicators for other stocks of emerging concern.

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