MARINE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) reviewed the documents under this agenda item and offers the following comments.

Referencing the <u>Draft June Council meeting agenda</u>, the MPC notes that marine planning is a shaded candidate agenda item for the June meeting. The MPC recommends the Council unshade and schedule this item on the June Council agenda. The Committee has been working on several issues of importance to the Council and its advisory bodies, including offshore wind areas off Washington, Oregon, and California; Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOA); U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Port Access Route Study; and more. There are several pending events, such as a California lease auction this fall that warrant Council discussion well in advance. Further, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) AOA comment period is expected to overlap with the June meeting, thereby allowing the Council to discuss potential comments in open session.

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