

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet online Thursday and Friday, September 8 – 9, 2022, to discuss California Central Valley habitat issues, Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives, Marine Planning activities, Groundfish Non-Trawl Area Management, and other habitat-related topics. The HC will produce a supplemental report for the Council's consideration.

The HC will receive a presentation by Dr. Steve Lindley, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, on Central Valley Salmon Habitat Modeling that can be used to evaluate restoration needs and impacts of environmental changes on salmon survival. A separate draft letter on salmon temperature standards is included in the Briefing Book (Attachment 1) for Council consideration. The letter contains recommendations to the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the California State Water Resources Board, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The HC will consider Fishery Ecosystem Initiatives under Agenda Item H.1, and current Marine Planning issues under Agenda Item C.4. The HC will also receive a presentation and consider Agenda Item G.6, Groundfish Non-Trawl Area Management, including potential impacts to benthic habitats that will become open to non-trawl bottom contact fishing gears.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1: Proposed comment letter on Sacramento salmon temperature standards.
2. Agenda Item F.1.a, SWFSC Report 1.
3. *Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1.*
4. If received, public comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

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| F.1 | Current Habitat Issues   | Kerry Griffin   |
| a.  | Report of the Habitat Committee  | Correigh Greene |
| b.  | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies              |                 |
| c.  | Public Comment   |                 |
| d.  | <b>Council Action:</b> Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations |                 |