

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet online Wednesday and Thursday, November 2 – 3, 2022, to discuss the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s oil and gas rig decommissioning Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Coastal Pelagic Species essential fish habitat review, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Deep-Sea Coral Research and Technology Program, the Pacific Marine and Estuarine Habitat Partnership, and other habitat-related topics. The HC will produce a supplemental report for the Council’s consideration.

The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issue a *Federal Register* Notice on October 12, 2022, announcing the availability of the draft EIS on oil and gas decommissioning (Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1), with a comment deadline of November 28, 2022. The HC will review the materials, report to the Council under this agenda item, and provide recommendations for providing comments. The Council submitted a comment [letter](#) on the Notice of Intent in October 2021. The Council should consider the issue and direct the HC to develop comments as appropriate.

Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1: FR Notice.
2. *Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1.*
3. If received, public comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

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