

## HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a briefing from Kerry Griffin and Steve Scheiblaue summarizing relevant topics from the Marine Planning Committee's (MPC's) May 18, 2023 and June 6, 2023 meetings and associated C.3.a [MPC Report 1](#) and [Supplemental MPC Report 2](#).

The HC recognizes the need for more information on the magnitude of shoreside port infrastructure development that will occur to support offshore wind (OSW) energy development. A better understanding on the anticipated port development to support OSW is necessary to understand the magnitude and scope of impacts to habitat and fisheries. The HC recommends the MPC elevate the need for additional information and presentations from the states and OSW developers on port infrastructure needs and design specifications in advance of formal public notices.

The HC also noted that the fisheries communications plans required in the lease agreement will not necessarily mitigate impacts to fisheries and the environment, but rather will only communicate about those impacts. The HC is prepared to assist the MPC in providing comments on the communication plans, as well as the draft report required by AB525, when they become available.

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