

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet in conjunction with the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) April meeting to discuss current habitat-related issues and develop supplemental reports for Council consideration as appropriate. Topics on the April Council agenda relevant to the HC are the Essential Fish Habitat – Scoping (D.5), the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Report (C.1), and Research and Data Needs – Preliminary Priorities (C.2).

The HC will also discuss plans for developing a quick response comment letter on the [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Columbia River System Operations. The HC intends to prepare a summary of key issues related to the NOI for the supplemental April Briefing Book and will develop a full comment letter for Council consideration after the April meeting. The comment period ends May 9, 2025. The HC will also hold elections for HC Chair and Vice Chair and will discuss ways to catalog and track habitat issues and prior HC reports.

The Council should consider the material under this agenda item and provide guidance as appropriate.

Council Tasks:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC.

Reference Materials:

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

Agenda Order:

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| E.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. | Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations | |