

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a presentation on marine planning from Mike Conroy. The HC agrees with the Marine Planning Committee recommendations that the HC assist with monitoring potential aquaculture project proposals in the Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, tracking the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Oil and Gas Draft Proposed Program (DPP) and coordinating on comment letters, as needed. When drafting comments on the DPP, the HC recommends focusing on opposition to any leases being approved over suggestions for mitigation or research, consistent with the Council's previous responses to new oil and gas development.

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