

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON REVIEW OF REBUILDING PLANS

The Habitat Committee (HC) discussed its role in describing the habitat factors related to salmon rebuilding. The Salmon Technical Team (STT) requested review of habitat conditions from the HC for stocks with rebuilding plans. The HC seeks additional clarification from the Council and/or the STT on what types of habitat information would be useful and how it might affect management goals.

The HC is looking for guidance from the Council on timing of HC review and the topics the HC should begin reviewing now per recommendations from the STT. In particular, which of the following topics would be a priority for review by HC at this time? These could include:

- Freshwater, estuarine, and marine habitat conditions that might have contributed to the decline (e.g. flow regimes, chemical and physical impairment, redd dewatering, shoreline hardening trends, sea surface temperature).
- Enhancement and restoration work that may ameliorate conditions for stocks in the future.
- Issues that have caused continued decline of habitat (e.g., due to lack of action or inadequate enforcement).

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