

## CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet on Friday, March 2, 2012. At this meeting, the HC will discuss salmon essential fish habitat, levee vegetation issues, and a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) climate change strategy document. In addition, the HC will hear presentations from NMFS, USFWS, and the California Dept. of Fish and Game on Sacramento (b)(2) water issues; and from Mr. Barry Thom of NMFS on the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion (BiOp). As requested by the Council, a letter on the need for a collaborative process for the Columbia River BiOp is attached with changes suggested by the Council at the November 2011 meeting (Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1).

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at its March 2012 meeting.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1: Letter on Columbia River Biological Opinion.
2. Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental HC Report.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the Habitat Committee
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

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