

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SCOPING OF AMENDMENT 17: UPDATING SALMON ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a presentation on the scoping document for Salmon Amendment 17 (Agenda Item G.6.a, Attachment 1) from Council staff member Mr. Kerry Griffin. The scoping document provides a summary of the information included in the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-year review report presented to the Council at its April 2011 meeting, and a range of options for each recommendation in the report. It also contains a placeholder for other issues that have emerged as a result of Amendment 16.

After considering the information that was presented, the HC believes the elements and related options identified in the scoping document provide an appropriate range of alternatives for evaluation during the amendment process. The proposed scope is consistent with the Council action taken in April 2011, and the HC suggestion to consider all major recommendations in the EFH Review report. Therefore, we recommend the Council move forward with the amendment process based on the overall scope identified in Agenda Item G.6.a, Attachment 1.

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