

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON INTEGRATED  
ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a briefing on the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) from Dr. Phil Levin and Brian Wells. The IEA Team has developed modeling tools and information that are already being used by the Ecosystem Plan Development Team.

The HC also received a briefing on the California Current Ecosystem Integrated Report. The HC commends the distillation of the larger IEA to serve the needs of the Council. However, the document is highly technical, and may need further clarification if it is to be understood by the public.

The spatial scale of the IEA does not seem to match the actual coastal distribution of Fishery Management Plan species. For instance, albacore tuna, salmon and Pacific whiting, as well as numerous rockfish species, migrate to and from Canada and Alaska and out of the California Current. More information may be needed to understand larger scale drivers.

There is a similar effort by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans to characterize the state of the ocean on the Canadian West Coast. This report does provide information on the ecosystem status of cross-border stocks, and may be of interest to the Council.

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