

June 10, 2002  
Agenda item C-2  
Essential Fish Habitat

Motion 1

1. The Council accepts the EFH Committee's recommended changes to the EFH and HAPC designation alternatives as outlined in the May 15- 17 EFH Committee meeting draft minutes.
2. The Committee in developing mitigation alternatives, would be aided by the formulation of a 'STRAWMAN' prepared by the staff prior to the September meeting. The Committee will use the 'STRAWMAN' as a starting point for developing mitigation alternatives for the October Council meeting.
3. The Council directs staff (within the SEIS analysis) to describe how each HAPC designation alternative would apply to each of the following four examples HAPC: pinnacles and seamounts, gorgonian corals, Bristol Bay Red King Crab habitat (or similar species habitat), and shelf break. The EFH Committee should develop examples mitigation measures for each case to help with understanding what the alternatives might do.
4. After the October Council meeting and before the April 03 Council Meeting the Council recommends that the EFH committee develop a process for the public to interact with the Council to develop, and amend HAPC designation.
5. The Council expresses its intent to the public that there will be no call for HAPC proposals until a process has been established by the NPFMC.

Passed 11:0

Motion 2

1. With reference to the May 15-17 draft EFH Committee minutes, the Council adopts the EFH Committee's suggestion that the following items be brought to the attention of the Joint Protocol Committee: 1) cross representation of Council EFH and ADF&G MPA Committees; 2) ADF&G Advisory committees and affected regions to review EFH, HAPC, and MPAs within each region as they are being developed; 3) communications between agencies on projects and proposals being considered for action.

Passed 11:0

Motion 3

1. That the Council will write a letter based on public testimony from AMCC Ben Enticknap's language from June 1, 2002 addressing the topic below:

*The United States Congress is currently in the process of reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act). The Council requests the Chair to write Congress a letter that outlines the public process initiated for the development of EFH designation and mitigation alternatives. We feel that at this juncture of the Council's work and present reauthorization of the Magnuson Act, it would be valuable to express to Congress the process this Council is undertaking.*

Passed 11:0