

2014 Council Coordination Committee Meeting

Agenda topic: Opportunities for Councils to share habitat conservation strategies and leverage partner resources

Overview: This is a proposed two-part discussion on increasing NOAA and the Councils' use of habitat conservation as a tool to achieve fishery management goals

Part 1 – February 2014 CCC meeting Holiday Inn Capitol Hill, Washington, DC February 20, 2014	Part 2 – May 2014 CCC meeting Hilton Ocean Front, Virginia Beach, VA May 12-15, 2014
<p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide information on current NOAA habitat initiatives to help Councils understand how they can benefit and where they should engage</p> <p><u>Desired outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared understanding of existing habitat conservation tools being used to achieve fishery management goals. • Council understanding of new developments/initiatives driven by the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation. • Council understanding of how they can influence and benefit from NOAA habitat conservation strategies and other opportunities. 	<p><u>Purpose:</u> Discuss options for Council engagement in habitat conservation and improving coordination across councils on habitat strategies</p> <p><u>Desired Outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on specific initiatives or actions for Council engagement. • Opportunities for cross council collaboration on habitat issues identified.
<p><u>Background materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Coast Forum summary: http://www.fisheriesforum.org/sites/www.fisheriesforum.org/files/ECF2013_FinalSummary.pdf • Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership brochure: http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/media/coastalfhp6-pagerv5.0.pdf • Summary of current Council habitat actions 	
<p><u>Part 1 agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (5 mins) – <i>Chris Moore, Executive Director, MAFMC</i> • Presentation from NMFS on habitat conservation initiatives (40 mins) – <i>Kara Meckley, Acting Chief of Habitat Protection, NOAA Fisheries</i> • Discussion (15 mins) – <i>Rick Robins, Chair of CCC and MAFMC</i> 	