Recommendations to the Council from the 66th Meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

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Precious Corals

The Hawaii precious corals fishery has been dormant for many years. The recent application by a firm to harvest the Makapuu Bed has pointed out inconsistencies between State and Federal regulations pertaining to this bed. The SSC supports the Plan Team recommendation that Federal and State representatives cooperate in developing a mutually agreeable agenda to resolve these inconsistencies in a timely manner. The SSC expects to review the results of these efforts at its next meeting.