



### **Council Policy on Essential Fish Habitat Consideration Procedures**

The Council will review and make recommendations on Federal or state actions that may adversely affect the essential fish habitat (EFH) of species managed under its authority. Since Federal and state actions often follow specific timetables that may not coincide with scheduled Council meetings, the Council may follow abbreviated procedures for developing recommendations. Any proposed Federal or state actions impacting EFH requiring prompt consideration from the Council will be distributed to Council members for review and comment. The Council chair, or his/her designee (i.e., the executive director), will review Council member comments and formulate recommendations to respond to the proposed action.