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CCC Habitat Working Group Update

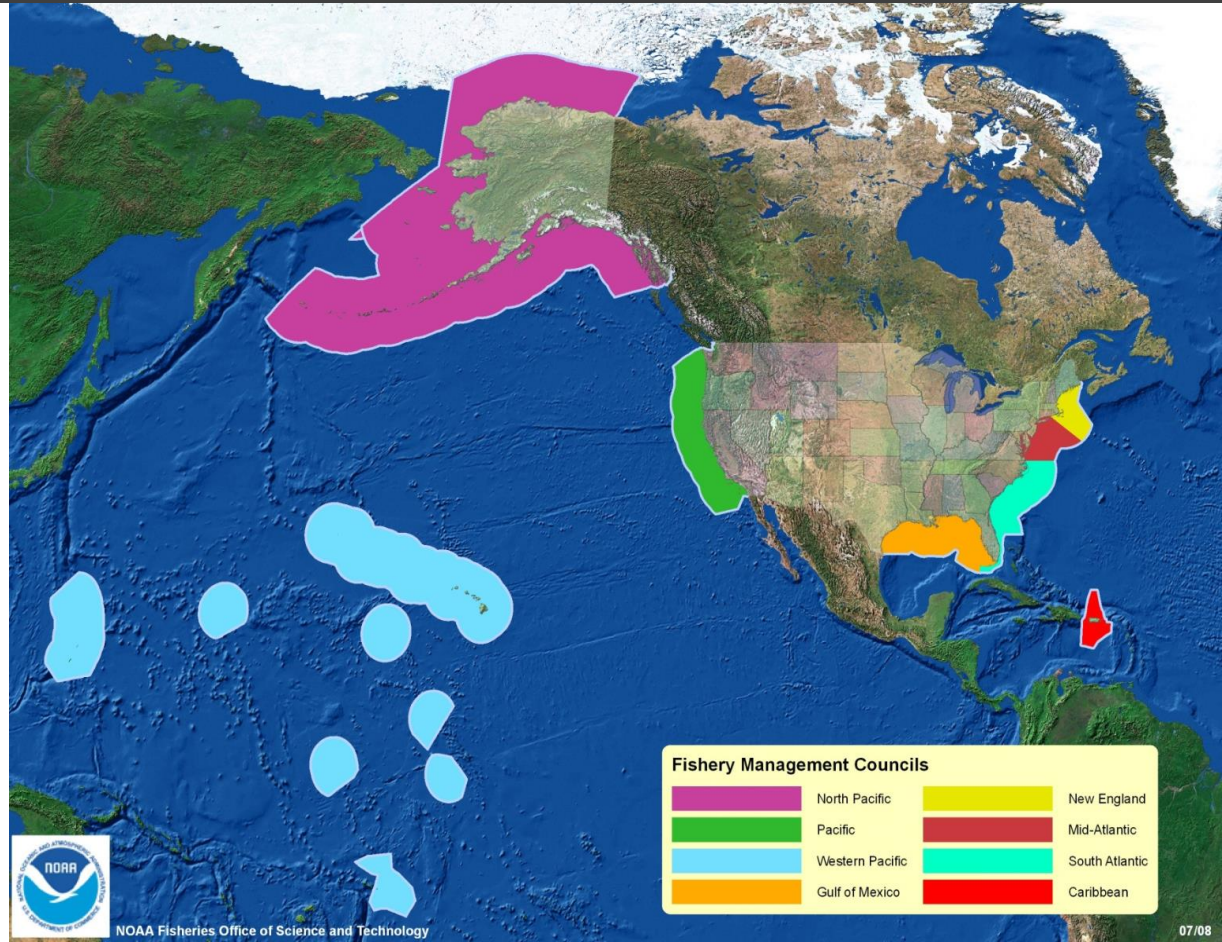
Presentation Overview

- Background on CCC Habitat Working Group (HWG) and recent accomplishments
- Update on Wind Subgroup, recent “Deep Dive” presentations, and Workshop Planning Subgroup
- CCC input on in-person HWG workshop



Composition of the CCC Habitat Work Group?

- Staff from all 8 Councils:
Chairmanship rotates with CCC
- Reps. from all 5 NMFS
Regional Offices
- Reps. from NMFS HQ:
Offices of Habitat
Conservation, and Science and
Technology



Who are we and what do we do?

- Network of fish habitat/EFH practitioners
 - Meet to share habitat management and science issues across regions
 - Creates opportunities for brainstorming and problem solving around shared regional and national challenges
 - Act as ‘library of experts’ for each other; great resource for both well seasoned and new staff
 - Formed in 2014; meet 3-5 times per year (online) for 1-2 hrs; met twice in-person



Accomplishments

- EFH Summit, Annapolis, MD in May 2016 ([Regional Profiles](#), [Summit Report](#))
- HAPC Guidance Report contributions ([Report](#), [Inventory](#))
- EFH Consultation and Regional Innovations Workshop (Portland, OR 2019; [Report](#))
- Improved Fishery Science Center engagement (Roundtables in 2016 & 2020) – explore new models, methods, regional processes to improve science-management connection



Accomplishments



CCC EFH Partners Letter

- Dated May 28, 2020
- Foster productive relations and build awareness with partner federal agencies
- Focus on Council role in consultation process
- Sent out by each region with regional contacts



Current Focus: Wind Subgroup

- Short monthly calls to share insights on best practices for contributing to wind energy planning and review and engaging with BOEM
- Not all regions involved - regional participation as appropriate
- Focus on east-west collaboration and sharing lessons learned



Current Focus: “2023 Deeper Dives”

February meeting

Climate change-induced estuarine habitat transition on penaeid shrimp

MAFMC presentation on approaches for EFH descriptions

May meeting

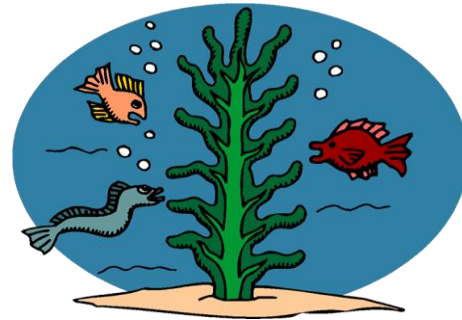
Atlantic HMS presentation EFH descriptions and update on draft 5-year review

Introduction to the National Fishing Effects Database Project

July meeting

Procedure on Addressing Climate Change in NMFS EFH Consultations

Draft an options paper to refine Uku (gray jobfish) EFH based on the Level 1 and 2 models



Current Focus: Workshop Planning Subgroup



- CCC approved in-person HWG workshop at the May 2022 meeting
- Workshop Goal: To create focused cross-regional forum for EFH practitioners to share best practices regarding climate change and climate resilience when developing their EFH and HAPC designations
- Deeper dive talks will build towards providing context for workshop
- Tentatively scheduled Jan 17-18, 2024
 - Focus on southern CA; La Jolla or Long Beach

CCC Feedback and Recommendations

- In-person workshop meeting agenda included in meeting materials
- Are there any additional topics the CCC would be interested the group discussing?
- Are there any additional outcomes the CCC would like the group to provide?





Questions?

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