

Changes to CE-BA 1 since March 2009 version:

- Shortened title page(s) – excluded information on scoping meeting, Coral and Habitat AP meetings, and public hearings.
- Added Appendix J - scoping summaries

Changes to Summary

- Added second paragraph to Purpose and Need section to focus on need to protect deepwater coral ecosystems and added a summary of the actions proposed.
- Removed text describing each sub-alternative in Action 1.

Changes to Purpose and Need

- Added paragraph to Purpose and Need section to focus on need to protect deepwater coral ecosystems
- Removed second paragraph (describing habitat in proposed CHAPCs).

Changes to Section 2

- Expanded comparison of sub-alternatives for Action 1

Changes to Section 3

- Placeholder to include recent smalltooth sawfish interactions and BiOp being prepared
- Added paragraph including designation of *Acropora* critical habitat.

Changes to Section 4

- Added gear prohibition language to Action 1.
- Added table (Table 4-5) depicting total area (square miles) protected based on combinations of sub-alternatives of Alternative 2 and accompanying text to explain the comparisons (p.4-19).
- Requested changes to Figures 4-12, 4-13 and 4-14 from SEFSC. Not yet received.
- Added language in administrative effects section stating how NOAA OLE would handle a violation.
- Section 4.8 Unavoidable Adverse Effects: added 4 new paragraphs
- Section 4.9.3: added fishery categories for the golden crab and royal red shrimp fisheries (in the 2009 Proposed List of Fisheries).
- Section 4.12 Monitoring and Mitigation Measures: added language to explain the Council has emphasized that other monitoring systems besides VMS should be researched in order to allow the golden crab fishery to continue while ensuring the protection of corals.

Changes to Section 9

- Added David Keys

Changes to Section 10

- Expanded Index