

## SAFMC Habitat Blueprint Update (March 2023)

### SAFMC WORKGROUP

1. Purpose
  - a. Develop evaluation plan and strategy (Blueprint)
  - b. Assist in preparing and reviewing materials for Council discussion and decision-making (i.e., process, approach, materials prep) to help facilitate Council discussion and ensure efficient use of Council discussion time. All decisions will be made by the Council through official Council meetings noticed in the *Federal Register*
  - c. Assist in reviewing the Blueprint prior to Council approval
2. Membership
  - a. Council:
    - i. Trish Murphey – Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Chair, Workgroup Lead
    - ii. Mel Bell – Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Vice Chair
    - iii. Carolyn Belcher Council Chair
    - iv. Kerry Marhefka
  - b. Staff support:
    - i. Myra Brouwer – Deputy Director for Management, Lead
    - ii. John Carmichael – Executive Director, Support
    - iii. Roger Pugliese – Habitat & Ecosystem Scientist, Support
3. Meetings
  - a. In-between Council meetings during 2023 (March 29, Late June, August)
    - i. Identify supporting documents and information desired for each meeting
    - ii. Develop actions for Committee/Council meetings – topics and timing,
    - iii. Review progress, prioritize outstanding issues and information requests

### WORKGROUP TASKS

- I. Draft Habitat Program Goals and Objectives – **(DONE)**
- II. Document Habitat Requirements and Council Actions to address them – **(DONE)**
- IV. Document and Evaluate Habitat and Ecosystem Tools **(ONGOING)**
- V. Document Habitat and Ecosystem Partners **(ONGOING)**
- VI. Develop a Habitat Blueprint **(ONGOING)**
  - Final task
    - September 2023
- VIII. Other Topics to Consider
  - Climate Change

## Blueprint Structure

- Blueprint Contents (1 page)
  1. Habitat Program Goals and Objectives (1 page)
  2. Habitat AP Role and Purpose (1 page)
  3. Outreach and Communication Strategy (1-2 pages)
  4. Policy, Consultations and Comment Development (1-2 pages each on Policy and comments development process, 1 page on tracking of comments, 1 page on report outs to Council)
  5. Tools, Website and Information Products (1 page per tool)
  6. Relation to Other Council Activities and Program Areas (1 page)
  7. Appendices
    - EFH mandates, Council requirements, Council actions to address
    - SAFMC Habitat Policies
    - SAFMC Habitat Documents and Plans Listing & Links
    - EFH User Guide
    - Partners

VII. Develop a Workplan to Address Items in the Blueprint

## TENTATIVE TIMELINE AN GENERAL TASKS

Meeting	Topic
Workgroup- March 29, 2023	Review Overall Structure/Completed Sections Comment Tracking & Reporting to Council Discuss role of Habitat AP in development
Workgroup- Late June 2023	Habitat and Ecosystem Web Tools evaluation Consider other Issues – Climate Finalize support docs
Workgroup- August 2023	Address Committee comments Review blueprint draft and Input from Habitat Ecosystem AP (AP input via Webinar) Develop workplan
September 2023	Present Draft Blueprint to Habitat Committee Council adoption Discuss outreach and communication needs