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SUMMARY REPORT - HABITAT PROTECTION AND ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

The Committee met on December 8, 2015 and addressed the following: A report on the November 17-18, 2015 Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel meeting including a Redrafted EFH Policy on Energy Exploration and Development; a status report on FEP II Development and Regional Ecosystem Coordination; and a presentation on Lenfest Fisheries Ecosystem Task Force Activities.

The Committee reviewed, edited and finalized the redrafted policy statement for Council consideration.

MOTION:

Motion: Approve Re-Drafted SAFMC EFH Policy on Energy Exploration and Development. **APPROVED BY COMMITTEE APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

TIMING AND TASK MOTION:

Staff finalize EFH Policy Statement, distribute to Council Members, Habitat Advisory Panel and regional partners, and post to the Habitat Section of the Website.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Request a presentation on what is known about the effects of seismic airguns on habitat. **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**