



THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

5-Year EFH Review Process

Habitat & Ecosystem Committee

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EFH 5 Year review





EFH 5-year review – Working Groups

- Buttonwood Clarification Subcommittee Report - Simen Kaalstad, ASMFC
 - Recommended include a clarification of what mangroves means and include buttonwoods under the EFH designation in the user guide
- Limited FEP II Update (Prey and References) Subcommittee Report - Wilson Laney NC State University
 - Work is ongoing
- Tidal Freshwater Boundary Subcommittee Report - Casey Knight, NCDMF
 - Include the table with GPS coordinates for upstream tidal boundaries into the user guide
 - <https://ncdenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=502517848a324c93b7be7b5f69d6781e>



EFH 5-year review

The Report from the National Essential Fish Habitat Summit published in 2017 states that: The objective of the review, commonly referred to as the “EFH five-year review,” is to evaluate and synthesize new information on habitat and determine whether changes to the FMPs are warranted. The EFH five-year review will evaluate published scientific literature, unpublished scientific reports, information solicited from interested parties, and previously unavailable or inaccessible data. If the Council or NOAA Fisheries finds that an update is warranted, FMP amendments will be initiated, along with the appropriate analytical documents.

- Are we meeting this set of goals?
 - Staff has a meeting scheduled with the Habitat Conservation Division to ensure the review is adequate
- Are there additional objectives we wish to complete?
- Review must be completed by the end of 2024