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# Habitat Blueprint Update





# Habitat Program Goals and Objectives

- Goal I. Comply with the habitat mandates of the MSA and its amendments.
- Goal II. Provide information to support Council communication on habitat issues.



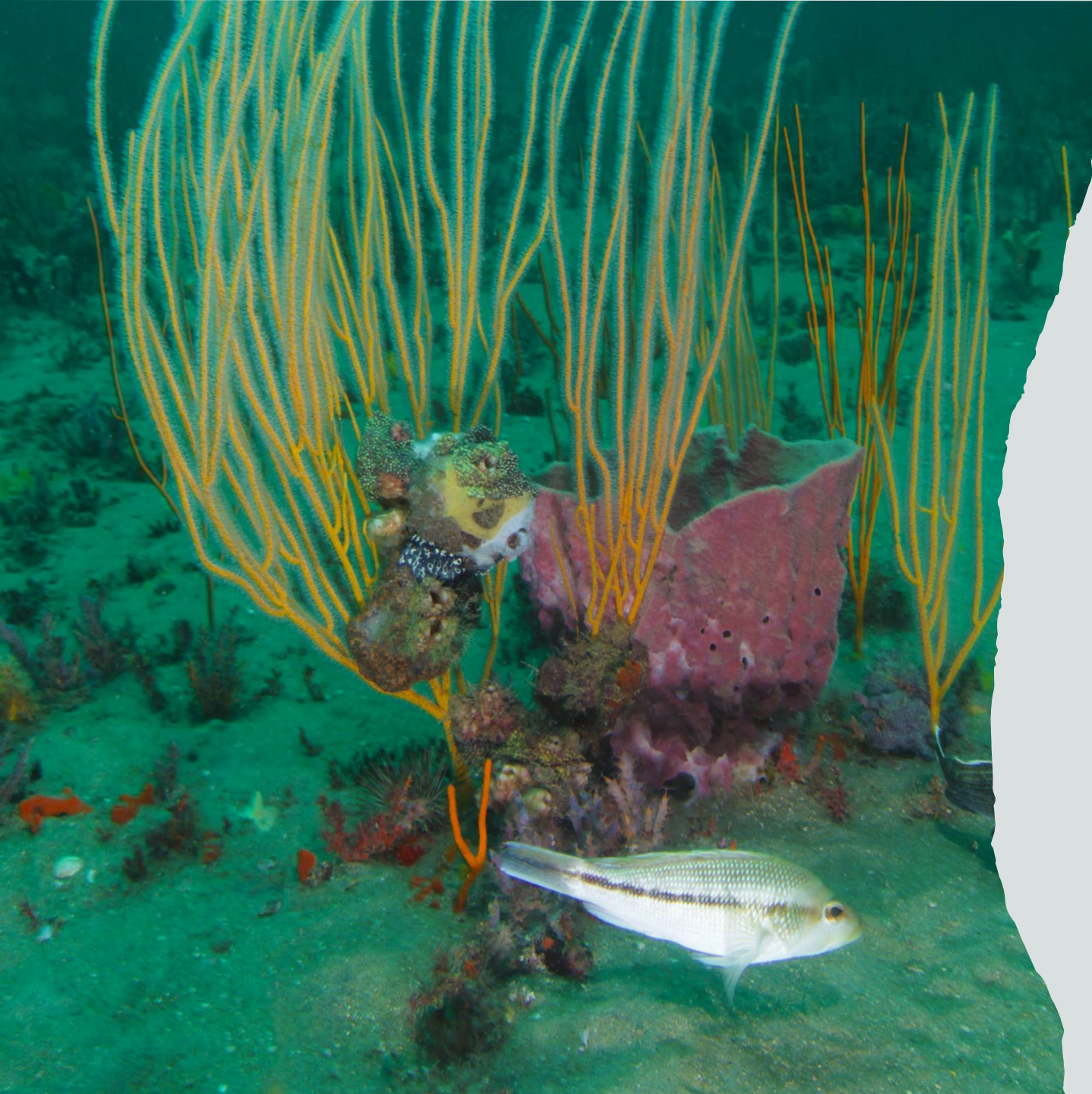




# Habitat Website

- SAFMC.net
- Click on Habitat and Ecosystem tab on left
- To do:
  - Integrate EFH maps
  - Add in a link to EWE project
  - Integrate more ecosystem projects
- Suggestions?
- Group Photo





## **Policy considerations and priorities**

- Any other Policies we need to create?
- Schedule for Policy updates
- Combine policies or keep them separate



# EFH User Guide Discussion

- The purpose of the EFH User guide
- Title change?
- Does this document meet EFH and Magnuson Stevens requirements







# Next 5-year review

- What do we need to do for the next review?
- Identify Higher abundance locations for EFH clarification in each FMP (improving EFH tier structure)?
- Long term Goals and Objectives





# **Review Workplan**





## **Meeting Dates and methods**

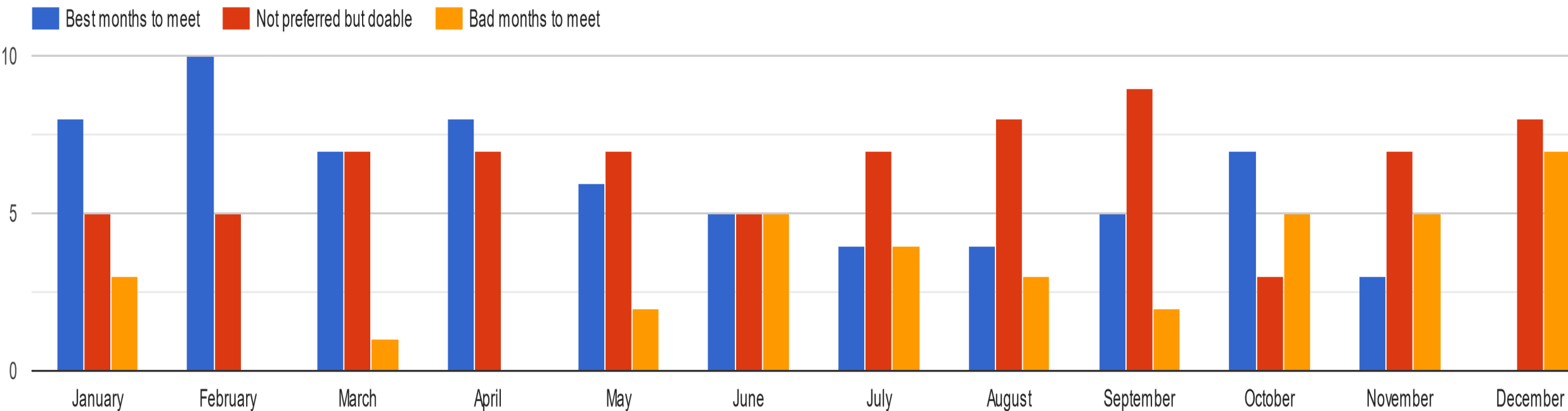
- Next meeting dates?
- Virtual or in person?



# Google form responses



Which months are the best to meet, which months are not preferred but doable, and which months are bad to meet.

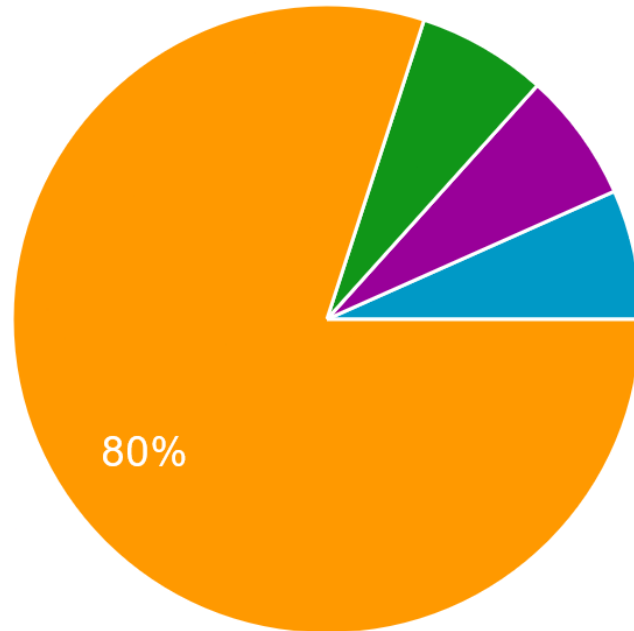




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The Habitat AP has generally met in person twice a year. However in recent years there has been an increasing use of virtual options. Please select your opinion on in person versus virtual below



- In person is best. Only in person meetings
- Virtual is best. Only virtual meetings
- Virtual is good for short meetings, but anything longer than a day should be...
- Virtual option is best when schedule does not allow an in-person. Will atte...
- In-person should be the norm. For 1/2 day or less, a virtual option should be...
- One virtual and one hybrid (in person...