



Habitat Program Evaluation and Blueprint

Update

March 2021



Photos: Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary



Council Guidance December 2020



The Habitat and Ecosystem Committee discussed development of a Blueprint to describe and evaluate the Council's activities related to habitat and ecosystem mandates in the region.

The Council directed staff to establish a Habitat and Ecosystem Blueprint Development Team to develop the scope of the project and the process to develop a Blueprint document.



Purpose

- a. Develop evaluation plan and strategy (Blueprint)
- b. Assist in preparing and reviewing materials for Council discussion and decision-making.
 - 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



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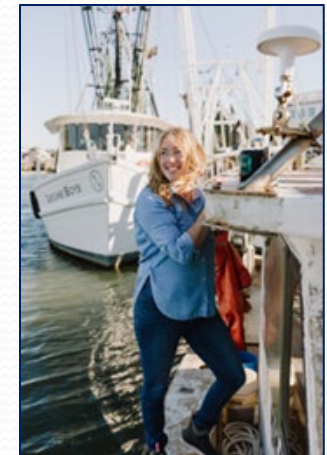
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Meetings

In-between Council meetings during 2021 (April-May, July-August, October-November)

- Identify supporting documents and information desired for each meeting
- Develop actions for Committee/Council meetings – topics and timing, coordinate with requested AP and/or SSC
- Review progress, prioritize outstanding issues and information requests





Questions

1. Include Ecosystem-Based Management and Climate impacts/activities under Habitat Blueprint, or elsewhere in the Council process?
2. Role of the Habitat AP, SSC, and other APs in the blueprint development?



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