

Summarization of methodologies used to identify and describe EFH by the other Fishery Management Councils. Weblinks include additional information and EFH documentation. The last column indicates whether the methodologies used by another regional Councils is similar to the alternatives proposed in the Gulf generic amendment for comparison.

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Council	Method	Weblinks	Similar method to what is described in proposed Gulf Generic amendment:
North Pacific	GAM/MaxEnt	<a href="https://www.npfmc.org/habitat-protections/essential-fish-habitat-efh/">https://www.npfmc.org/habitat-protections/essential-fish-habitat-efh/</a>	Alt. 4
New England	Average catch/tow in 10x10 min squares at varying percentiles of catch level depending on species and constrained by depth and temperature preferences	<a href="https://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/habitat">https://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/habitat</a>	Alt. 1, 2, and 3
Mid-Atlantic	Distribution and relative abundance from survey data with a distributional percentage of catch by area (10x10 min. sq.)	<a href="https://www.mafmc.org/habitat">https://www.mafmc.org/habitat</a>	Alt. 3
South Atlantic	Use habitat types, features and/or depth contours, aggregated for multispecies fisheries	<a href="https://safmc.net/amendments/comprehensive-efh-amendment/">https://safmc.net/amendments/comprehensive-efh-amendment/</a>	Alt. 1, 2
Caribbean	Functional relationships between life history stages of species and habitat	<a href="https://caribbeanfmc.com/fishery-management/essential-fish-habitats">https://caribbeanfmc.com/fishery-management/essential-fish-habitats</a>	Alt. 1, 2
Western Pacific	Identified for species assemblages using suitable depth ranges, working toward method using fishery independent survey data and spatially explicit habitat information	<a href="https://www.wpcouncil.org/essential-fish-habitat/">https://www.wpcouncil.org/essential-fish-habitat/</a>	Alt. 1, 2
Pacific	Varies by Fishery Management Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Pelagic Species FMP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence/absence data</li> <li>Oceanographic data</li> <li>Published lit</li> </ul> </li> <li>HMS FMP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch/logbook data</li> <li>Observer data</li> <li>Tagging studies</li> <li>Expert opinion</li> <li>Publish lit</li> <li>Life history info</li> </ul> </li> <li>Salmon FMP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence/absence data</li> <li>Life history info</li> <li>Habitat use info</li> </ul> </li> <li>Groundfish FMP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat Suitability Probability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.pcouncil.org/managed_fishery/habitat/">https://www.pcouncil.org/managed_fishery/habitat/</a>	Alt. 1, 2, 3, 4
Highly Migratory Species	95% Kernel density estimate	<a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-10-2006-consolidated-hms-fishery-management-plan-essential-fish-habitat">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-10-2006-consolidated-hms-fishery-management-plan-essential-fish-habitat</a>	Alt. 3