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1 The Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee of the Gulf
2 Council convened at The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Biloxi,
3 Mississippi on Monday morning, November 3, 2025, and was called to
4 order by Chairman Johnny Marquez.

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6 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
7 **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2024 MINUTES**
8 **ACTION GUIDE AND NEXT STEPS**
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10 **CHAIRMAN JOHNNY MARQUEZ:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The first item we
11 have up is the Adoption of the Agenda. Everybody should have
12 received that. Do I have a motion to adopt the agenda?
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14 **MR. JOHN SANCHEZ:** So moved.
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16 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Is there a second? Any opposition? Sorry, and
17 I failed to recognize the new members on the committee, since we
18 have a new committee going forward for this year. The chair is
19 Johnny Marquez, Vice Chair is Ms. Ballard, Mr. Allen, Mr.
20 Donaldson, Mr. Overton, Mr. Sanchez, Director Spraggins, and Mr.
21 Walker.
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23 I'm sorry that I was a little out of order, but I think we actually
24 had a motion and second and a vote on the agenda that passed, and
25 so we can move to approval of the minutes for the last -- For the
26 2024 minutes. Do I have a motion to approve?
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28 **DR. ANTHONY OVERTON:** Motion to approve.
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30 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Do I have a second? Any discussion? Any
31 opposition? The motion passes. All right, and so, the first step,
32 we have our action guide and the next steps from Ms. Gardiner.
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34 **UPDATE ON EFH GENERIC AMENDMENT 5**
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36 **MS. SARAH GARDINER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll just wait for
37 Bernie to pull up the action guide. Thank you, Bernie, and so the
38 council is developing Generic Amendment 5 for the Essential Fish
39 Habitat, or EFH, as part of the 2025 EFH five-year review, as
40 required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation Act.
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42 As part of the EFH five-year Review, staff revised the EFH text
43 and map descriptions for managed finfish, spiny lobster, and shrimp
44 species to include new EFH text and map identifications using
45 spatial habitat information and literature through 2024.
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1 Staff will provide a presentation summarizing the methods and
2 results produced for the EFH text and map descriptions. The
3 committee should evaluate the information presented, ask
4 questions, and make recommendations, and, at this time, the
5 committee may recommend a preliminary preferred alternative to the
6 council, if it is appropriate.

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8 With that, I think I will give a brief presentation walking through
9 the changes to the EFH text and map identifications, and then Mr.
10 Moncrief will provide the SSC summary from when this was presented
11 to the SSC.

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13 Okay, and so I have a brief presentation today, or I guess maybe
14 not so brief, a couple slides, and there's quite a bit of
15 information to get through. Alongside my presentation today,
16 there's also the draft options document that is on the website, if
17 you want to take a little closer look at that, but this
18 presentation will provide a highlight of what's in that document.

19
20 An overview of what I'm going to walk through today is kind of
21 describing what EFH is, or essential fish habitat, and why we do
22 it here at the council, and why it matters for you guys to be
23 listening to this, the timeline of which this information has
24 already been brought forward to the advisory bodies, and so our
25 SSC as well as the council, and then a summary of the work that
26 staff has completed on Component 1, which is the EFH text
27 descriptions and maps, and then room for a committee discussion.

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29 Essential fish habitat is the aquatic waters and substrates
30 necessary for federally-managed fish species to complete their
31 life cycles, encompassing areas for spawning, breeding, feeding,
32 or growing to maturity, and the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires
33 councils to conduct an EFH five-year review, ideally every five
34 years.

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36 The last one that this council did was in 2016, and so we're a bit
37 delayed on that one, and so we're doing that now, but it's a
38 mechanism to ensure that NOAA Fisheries and fisheries management
39 councils incorporate the most recent and best science available
40 into fishery management for essential fish habitat.

41
42 The objective of the reviews is to review -- There's ten
43 components, and I'll walk through those, but today I'm only
44 presenting Component 1, because that's the larger analytical lift
45 of the EFH five-year review, for the FMPs, and the five-year review
46 is a mechanism to review that information and revise or amend the

1 information, as warranted, best on the best available science
2 that's available.

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4 Mainly in the Gulf, EFH is used during our EFH consultation
5 process, and so, you know, working with federal agency partner
6 projects, looking for areas for regulatory permits, like the civil
7 works of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or BOEM wind, or oil
8 and gas, or aquaculture development, and so, anytime anyone wants
9 to get a permit for this process, they have to go through the EFH
10 consultation process, and those EFH text and map descriptions are
11 what are used to define EFH for federally-managed species in the
12 Gulf, and the consultation process uses those definitions that are
13 set here with the council and NOAA Fisheries.

14
15 Using the most up-to-date information allows for a better
16 characterization of habitat usage, which may ultimately benefit
17 stock health and condition, and, you know, better stock health may
18 provide better fishing opportunities, and more access, in the long
19 run.

20
21 I mentioned there are ten components of the EFH five-year review.
22 These are the ten components, but the one that is bold and
23 underlined in Component 1 is the EFH descriptions and
24 identifications, and so those are those texts and maps that have
25 been revised for this iteration of the review, and that's the
26 larger analytical lift for the review, and that's what I'm
27 presenting today.

28
29 As a reminder of the work that has been done to-date, the SSC
30 reviewed the spatial data that was compiled by Dr. Bridgette
31 Froeschke back in July of 2024, and so that kind of looked at the
32 metadata that was going to be incorporated to create the habitat
33 maps, and so the spatial data component of the Component 1 for the
34 text and map descriptions.

35
36 During 2024 and 2025, staff has been working to use that spatial
37 data to compile the maps for our federally-managed species. This
38 was presented to the SSC in October, and they had a few
39 recommendations that I was able to incorporate for this iteration
40 of the document in the review, and then I'm bringing a draft
41 options document to the council now, and, following the council
42 review of this, the staff will complete the remaining nine
43 components of the EFH five-year review to bring and incorporate
44 into the entirety of the document.

45
46 The purpose and need here is on the screen, but the purpose for

1 doing this generic amendment is to comply with the EFH provisions
2 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The EFH final rule states that a
3 review of the EFH components of the council's FMPs should be
4 reviewed every five years, and the EFH provisions should be
5 revised, or amended, as warranted, based on the best available
6 science contributing new information. This amendment would
7 incorporate all of the information that's required under 50 CFR
8 section 600.815(a).

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10 The need is to consider new available spatial habitat information
11 to revise the text and map descriptions for Gulf Shrimp, Reef Fish,
12 Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Spiny Lobster, and Red Drum FMPs, and
13 the updates to the EFH descriptions and identifications allow the
14 best scientific information available to be utilized to provide
15 enhanced conservation benefits to the stock and establish a better
16 understanding of species habitat by life stage. This document
17 will concurrently meet the requirements under the EFH five-year
18 review.

19
20 There is two alternatives, the first one being no action, and so
21 not updating our EFH text and map descriptions. The second would
22 be to update the EFH text and map descriptions to include primary
23 research and technical literature sources through 2024. We can
24 use this for all managed species, for every life stage, as data
25 are available, and I think the key thing here is so, when we did
26 the 2016 review, the council chose to not update the text and map
27 descriptions in the FMPs, and NOAA Fisheries actually wrote a
28 letter recommending that, for the next iteration, the council do
29 incorporate those updates into our FMPs.

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31 I think it would be prudent to do that at this time, especially
32 given the new information. The previous definitions are based off
33 of the Generic Amendment 3, which was done in 2005, and so we're
34 about twenty years out-of-date for that, and so I think there's a
35 lot of new information that would be encapsulated in this review
36 process to update these.

37
38 For all federal Gulf-managed species, EFH is defined
39 qualitatively, using known habitat, and so, to create these EFH
40 text and map descriptions, we do a qualitative literature review
41 of sorts.

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43 An example of the current reef fish definition is, for all Reef
44 Fish and CMP FMPs, it's all estuaries from the U.S.-Mexico border
45 to the boundaries between the areas covered by the Gulf and South
46 Atlantic Councils from estuarine waters up to depths of a hundred

1 fathoms, and so essentially the entirety of the Gulf, right, and
2 so there's not a lot of more fine-tuned habitat identification
3 currently in our FMPs.

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5 What we did for this iteration was, you know, pull data from the
6 literature to more qualitatively and fine-tune the habitat
7 definitions for species by life stage, and so, to do this, staff
8 compiled a literature review of sorts to look at associated habitat
9 type, habitat zone, and ecoregion preference for species at
10 different life stages, and that's what comprises what EFH is, and
11 so then EFH is broken out across all of our federally-managed
12 species, with seven different life stages, and so we have egg,
13 larvae, post-larvae, early juvenile, late juvenile, adult, and
14 spawning adult.

15
16 These life stages were decided in the Generic Amendment 3 back in
17 2005, and so, using this habitat information, we currently have
18 eleven habitat types. We had twelve going into the SSC, but the
19 SSC recommended to combine hardbottom and reef habitat, and I can
20 walk through that, the distinction there, in just a little bit.

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22 There are three different habitat zones, estuarine, nearshore, and
23 offshore, and five different habitat regions, or ecoregions, and
24 so the first ecoregion being Florida Keys to Tarpon Springs, the
25 second Tarpon Springs to Pensacola Bay, the third Pensacola Bay to
26 the Mississippi Delta, four is the Mississippi Delta to Freeport,
27 Texas, and five is Freeport, Texas to the Mexican border.

28
29 This is a map that kind of visualizes those five ecoregions, and
30 so, using the qualitative literature review, where we gained
31 information on habitat type, habitat zone, and ecoregion, we
32 updated the habitat attribute tables, which essentially are what
33 defines where the associated habitat types are for species at
34 different life stages.

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36 Using this literature review through 2024, and then here's a Google
37 Drive link to the spatial data that was completed in the contract
38 in 2023 and 2024, if folks are interested in kind of looking at
39 what spatial data was compiled.

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41 The updates to the habitat attribute tables were updated with
42 literature through 2024, and, of the forty species that are updated
43 in this generic amendment, twenty-five of the forty species
44 included updated literature, thirteen had updates to habitat type,
45 habitat zone, or ecoregion, and remember those three things are
46 what is going to influence what our EFH text and map descriptions

1 are.

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3 The other updates to the habitat attribute tables for the remaining
4 twelve species of the twenty-five included updates to life history,
5 which tends to address other components of the EFH five-year
6 review, and so, for example, information that may provide insight
7 into mortality rates, growth rates, or prey species, which would
8 address, you know, Component 7.

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10 Broadly, the habitat attribute table was updated with information
11 that is used to inform the entirety of the EFH five-year review,
12 but thirteen of the forty species had updates that informed just
13 specifically the EFH text and map identifications for this
14 iteration, and so my apologies for the small text, but this is an
15 example of the habitat attribute table for gag grouper, and I want
16 folks to really focus on the first four columns.

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18 We're looking at life stage, ecoregion, habitat zone, and habitat
19 type here, and so this is what is going to be used to inform our
20 text descriptions for EFH as well as our map descriptions for EFH.

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22 Using this information from those four columns, we're able to kind
23 of piece together what data we're going to use to compile the text
24 description, as well as the spatial data that's provided and
25 identifying different habitat types in different regions to create
26 the habitat maps.

27

28 This is the gag grouper EFH, proposed EFH. text description, and
29 so, for example, in adult gag grouper, we're seeing a Gulf-wide
30 distribution in Ecoregions 1 through 5, in nearshore and offshore
31 habitats, concentrated between thirteen and 100 meters, associated
32 with hardbottom and reef habitat, and this is the map that visually
33 depicts that.

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35 One of the distinctions that I want to make here is that this map
36 is displaying the associated habitat type. It's not necessarily
37 a distribution map of where gag grouper will be, and so the
38 literature has defined that gag grouper have known habitat
39 associations throughout the Gulf in hardbottom and reef habitat,
40 but it's not necessarily meaning that you will always find them if
41 you go to these spots.

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43 It's not a distribution map, and that's not really where we're at
44 with our current EFH data that we have to use to inform some of
45 these maps.

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1 In order to take a look at these maps, I had a total of 280 maps,
2 and so we have thirty-one reef fish species, four shrimp species,
3 three coastal migratory pelagics, one red drum, and one spiny
4 lobster, across seven different life stages, and so I was able to
5 compile 280 maps, but you've got to visualize this, and, instead
6 of just putting it all in the document, I created an R Shiny app
7 for folks to look at. Hopefully this loads. Great. This is also
8 linked in the presentation, and you guys can play around with it.

9
10 This app essentially walks you through the different eleven habitat
11 types, and so remember that's one thing that can be used to inform
12 our EFH text and map identifications. The different habitat zones,
13 you can kind of overlay those, and I'll walk through some examples.

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15 You can select one of the forty different species to take a look
16 atm and it will all populate on this map here, and, if you're
17 interested, you can also select the EFH descriptions, and so this
18 will show you what the associated text description is as well, and
19 whether the spatial data is being shown on the map, and I'll kind
20 of walk through an example of that.

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22 Then, while the council does not currently consider artificial
23 reef habitat as EFH, that's a frequently-asked question that we
24 get from many of our stakeholders, and so I thought it would be
25 prudent to include an artificial reef tab explaining what
26 artificial reef is, and then linking the 2013 document, where the
27 council considered it, but ultimately decided to not modify our
28 habitat types to include artificial reef at that time.

29
30 Let's walk through an example, and so you can select your species.
31 You can select the different life stages that you want to display
32 and overlay with each other. If you're interested in potentially
33 looking at a species and thinking, you know, what other habitat
34 might they utilize that is not displayed on the map, you can kind
35 of select different habitat types.

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37 You can select the different eco or habitat zone boundaries, if
38 you're interested to overlay a little bit of that, but, also, you
39 can take a look at the full EFH text descriptions as well, and so
40 this kind of walks through what is in the document as the proposed
41 EFH textual descriptions, and as well as the what is being
42 displayed on the map.

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44 One of the things we talked about at the SSC, and ultimately ended
45 up being a recommendation from the SSC, is those species at
46 different life stages that tend to have water column associations

1 as a habitat association, right, and so like think a lot of our
2 egg, larval, and post-larval life stages are water-column
3 associated, but the water-column associated, when depicted on the
4 map, encompasses broadly the entirety of the Gulf, and so you're
5 not able to get that kind of more higher-resolution display of the
6 spatial data that we compiled for our different habitat types,
7 because the water column association kind of dominates the map.

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9 You can see here, for example, on our egg life stage, the gag
10 grouper, at egg life stage, are associated with Ecoregions 1 and
11 2, and they're associated with water-column-associated habitat,
12 but, in italics, I have "WCA", or water-column-associated habitat,
13 is not displayed on the map, because that just kind of encompasses
14 too much of the map to really get more of that fine-scale
15 resolution that we're looking for.

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17 This is a really fun tool. I think you can kind of play around
18 with it, and look at different species, and you can look at
19 different life stages. We think it's a really interesting way to
20 look at the proposed EFH text and map descriptions without having
21 to scroll through hundreds of pages of the document, so you can
22 kind of highlight the species that you're interested in taking a
23 look at.

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25 I've just got a couple more slides here, and so I mentioned the
26 recommendation from the SSC to remove the water-column-associated
27 spatial data from the maps, given the spatial dominance, and so
28 that's kind of what I walked through, and we already saw that.

29
30 The SSC also recommended combining hardbottom and reef habitat
31 type, given that the literature doesn't often distinguish between
32 the two, and they can be used interchangeably, and I think we were
33 missing some components, when we were looking at habitat
34 associations, just for reef associations and excluding hardbottom
35 habitat, and so, ultimately, the SSC recommended to combine those
36 two habitat types.

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38 Then, based on some just like, you know, local knowledge, or
39 additional papers that were sent to me from SSC members, there
40 were updates to the species distribution for wenchman, Spanish
41 mackerel, and scamp.

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43 Kind of next steps for this document, and this was the larger
44 analytical lift for the EFH five-year review. That's Component 1,
45 and that's the only component in which the council, or the
46 committee, would need to identify a preferred alternative for, and

1 so that's kind of why it's being brought to the committee and the
2 council separate as a standalone, versus having it combined with
3 the totality of the EFH five-year review.

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5 This is the opportunity for the council to provide feedback and
6 recommendations, and staff, you know, can make changes as
7 warranted, based on council recommendations and committee
8 recommendations. Following this time period, you know, staff will
9 go back and develop the remaining components of the EFH five-year
10 review, and that's Components 2 through 10, and so that will occur
11 in probably 2026.

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13 Then we'll work on Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 development for Action
14 1, and then combining that with the final document, in totality of
15 the EFH five-year review, to bring back and kind of put a bow on
16 it and take final action.

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18 I have the document outline here, because this is a pretty large
19 document, if folks are interested in how it would be structured.
20 It's a bit unique from how we do other documents here at the
21 council. It's kind of a different process, and so it's not -- It
22 doesn't always follow the typical process and engagement that we
23 do for many of our other documents, and so I summarized our
24 timeline again, but hopefully the majority of this work will be
25 completed in 2026, and I'll take any questions.

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27 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** This map is your work, and the staff's work,
28 this interactive map, because it's great.

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30 **MS. GARDINER:** Thank you. Yes.

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32 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Dr. Sweetman.

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34 **DR. C. J. SWEETMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and so I'm not on your
35 committee, but I appreciate -- I just had a question. Sarah. Well,
36 first of all, I mean, I guess I would totally agree with the SSC
37 recommendations of combining hardbottom and reef habitat, and
38 absolutely getting rid of the water column, because it's just
39 everything, and you're not getting any information insight there.

40
41 My question is just on slide 20, when you used the gag grouper
42 adult map as an example, and you're showing some EFH off of
43 Louisiana, but you're saying that that doesn't necessarily mean
44 that gag grouper are there. Is it just that the habitat that
45 you're seeing there could, in theory, be suitable for gag grouper?
46 Is that --

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2 **MS. GARDINER:** Yes, and thanks for that. It's essentially yes.
3 Your answer is yes, but it's -- You know, the literature has
4 identified that in that area there may be suitable habitat, and at
5 one point gag grouper may have been there, but it doesn't
6 necessarily mean that it is there, but the habitat type is
7 prevalent there.

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9 **DR. JOHN FROESCHKE:** The other way you can think about it is she
10 showed earlier that map those ecoregions, and so the way that the
11 tables work is it's the habitat type within each ecoregion, and
12 so, if there's a ecoregion, and, for example, I think that would
13 be 3 or something, that you think, okay, that's not correct, then
14 we could fix that, and we could remove that ecoregion from this
15 association, and that would correct those kinds of things.

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17 There are some species and things that were done incorrectly,
18 inadvertently, and earlier, and we are correcting those. For
19 example, there were -- I think there was one where it was SAV
20 offshore. You know, there's not going to be seagrass 200 miles
21 offshore, and so we're going to fix those. If there's other things
22 like that, that would be the mechanism, because, ultimately, it's
23 those linkages in the text that matters.

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25 For example, we use this in the consultation process, and so, if
26 there is a consultation, and it would impact EFH, even if it's not
27 mapped, and there's hardbottom there, it would still fall under
28 that, and so the text is always the actual things. These are just
29 our best representations of it, but it's always the textual
30 description that makes the difference.

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32 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Any further questions? Dr. Allen.

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34 **DR. MIKE ALLEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and, Sarah, good job on
35 this. I just want to make the point that I think one of the best
36 uses of this, for researchers and people new at stock assessments
37 and that kind of thing, is the updated literature review, and so
38 having those papers accessible, where people can just go pull and
39 say these are the papers they used for EFH designation, would
40 really be a good use of this, and valuable to the researchers, and
41 so thank you.

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43 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Okay any further questions for Sarah? All
44 right. So, at this time, I think we'll move on to the SSC report
45 with Mr. Trevor Moncrief.

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1 **MR. TREVOR MONCRIEF:** Given the breadth of the discussion the
2 presentation already had, there's not really much additional for
3 me to say. I think the SSC largely agreed the tool, the work the
4 staff has done, and everything else like that, is impressive,
5 having all that in one place, and I think you're really
6 underselling the 280 progress, because, if you multiply that by
7 all the ecoregions and everything else, that number balloons pretty
8 fast.

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10 I mean, in general, right, we do these things, and look at EFH as
11 a way to make sure we're ensuring sustainable fisheries habitat,
12 and everything else like that, and I think, from our perspective,
13 where the discussion went to is, obviously, there's a lot of gaps
14 across-the-board, and there's a lot of life stages associated with
15 these designations and everything else, and we struggle,
16 oftentimes, to even have detailed information on the adult life
17 stages of some of these reef fish and everything else.

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19 The thought that we're going to have every single one of them
20 there, from every single life stage, I think is a little bit of a
21 stretch, and so we did talk about potentially reducing the amount
22 of life stages covered, which will come up in a discussion later
23 on, and not for this one, and then the other one was simply for
24 the staff to make adjustments as the they saw fit.

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26 Obviously, Dr. Froeschke brought up an example of one, but there
27 was a multitude of them associated with you know wenchman snapper,
28 scamp, everything else like that, and, you know, our thought was
29 that, you know, as we -- As they step through all the different
30 species, there's enough knowledge with the SSC regionally that
31 most of those questions should be able to be answered.

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33 Gag exist off Louisiana, but they're in very low amounts of
34 habitat, and so that kind of stuff I think would work out pretty
35 well as those things arise, but, given the breadth of the species,
36 and the detail, I'm sure this is going to be an ongoing process
37 for decades to come, and that's all I've got.

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39 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Any questions from Ms. Moncrief? Thank you,
40 and so now I think I'm going to go back to Ms. Gardiner and the
41 draft document.

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43 **MS. GARDINER:** I think, if there's no further comments, or
44 discussion, if the committee feels prudent to recommend a
45 preferred, that would be helpful at this point.

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1 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Mr. Sanchez.

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3 **MR. JOHN SANCHEZ:** I make a motion to select Alternative 2 as the
4 preferred.

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6 **CHAIRMAN MARQUEZ:** Is there a second? Any discussion? **Any**
7 **opposition to the motion? The motion passes.** Any other business?

8 I think we're concluded Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Ms.

9 Gardiner.

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11 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned on November 3, 2025.)

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