

**Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee
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Agenda Item IV: Review: Public Hearing Draft for the essential fish habitat Generic Amendment to the Shrimp, Reef fish, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Spiny Lobster, and Red Drum Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) in the Gulf

Timeline Status: Discussion, feedback, and motion

Committee input and next steps: The Council should review the Public Hearing Draft for the Generic Amendment to the Shrimp, Reef fish, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Spiny Lobster, and Red Drum Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) in the Gulf. This amendment is part of the EFH 5-year review process, as required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation Act, and specifically looks to update essential fish habitat (EFH) descriptions and identifications for the addressed-FMPs. Staff will walk through the document summarizing the methods and results produced for the EFH text and map descriptions.

The Committee may select a preferred alternative at this meeting. If the Committee approves the amendment for public hearings, Council staff will schedule a series of virtual public hearings in July and look to take final action at a subsequent Council meeting.