Ecosystem Level Habitat Considerations Workshop

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EAFM Document

Enhance species-specific management with:
ecosystem science,
broader ecosystem considerations,
and management policies
that coordinate management across FMPs and the relevant ecosystem.
Climate Change/Environmental Drivers

Multi-Species Interactions
  – Forage (managed and unmanaged)

Habitat – Today!

Human Aspects of Environment
What is habitat?

Stock based approach

Integrated ecological approach

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EAFM Approach

- Emphasizes integrated approach to habitat
- Sustainability as it relates to habitat health
- Multi-species interactions
- Connectivity across habitats
- Dynamic change
Presentations - 3 themes

- Habitat science and research
- Improve fisheries management and address habitat issues
- Ways to transition to EAFM considerations
The Path Forward

- Panel discussion with Council
- Integrate habitat into EAFM
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