

NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region Habitat Conservation Division

Please see attachment.

Please review these suggested edits to the Draft Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan (April 2022) from NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division. If you have any questions please contact seanbob.kelly@noaa.gov.

- 1. In section 4640.1 - Information Sources, revise the fourth row down to read as follows:**

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), federal fisheries, Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC)	Habitat Conservation Division Anchorage 907-586-7824 or 907-271-6354
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- 2. In section 9710 - Relevant Statute/Regulations/Authorities List on page 379, revise the 21,22, and 23 rows to read as follows:**

NMFS Alaska Region	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/alaska-regional-office
Essential Fish Habitat, Info & Maps	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/habitat-conservation/essential-fish-habitat-efh-alaska
Marine Mammal Info	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska#protected-marine-life

- 3. In section 4640.4.1 - Habitat Types, 2. Essential Fish Habitat revise the Descriptions section, on Page 138 to read as follows:**

Descriptions

EFH text descriptions are the legal definition for EFH and serve as the "basis" for effect determinations. EFH text describes the physical and biological environment and the location of EFH for each species by life history stage, if known. Species profiles for Prince William Sound and habitat assessment reports within the Fishery Management Plans provide information about each species, including any known habitat associations, reproductive traits, predator prey relationships, and species-specific literature citations.

- [Amendment 105 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska](#)

For GOA groundfish, refer to the 2020 Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. Appendices D and E. Anchorage, Alaska, North Pacific Fishery Management Council. URL: <https://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/fmp/GOA/GOAfmppAppendix.pdf>

- [Amendment 13 to the FMP for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ Off Alaska](#)

For Salmon, refer to the 2021 Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska. Appendix A. Anchorage, Alaska, North Pacific Fishery Management Council. URL: <https://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/fmp/Salmon/SalmonFMP.pdf>

For additional information refer to the [Assessment of Essential Fish Habitat for the Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil & Hazardous Substance Discharge/Releases, Unified Plan, 2014](#). URL:

https://alaskarrt.org/PublicFiles/Assessment_EFH_forAlaskaUnifiedPlan_2014.pdf