

**Habitat Protect/Restoration Committee
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Agenda Item IV: Permitting Process for Siting of Artificial Reefs and Aquaculture Operations in Federal Waters

Timeline Status: Presentation and Information

Council input and next steps: Mr. Andrew Kizlauskas from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be providing an informative presentation about the permitting process related to the siting of artificial habitats and aquaculture operations in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the public notification and comment process. The Committee can ask questions and provide input to the USACE about artificial habitat and aquaculture projects in the Gulf.

Agenda Item V: Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Outline

Timeline Status: Presentation and Discussion

Council input and next steps: During the April 2019 Council meeting, Mr. David Dale gave a presentation outlining the results of the Council's 5-year EFH review. Dr. Lisa Hollensead will present a preliminary outline on the incorporation of NMFS recommendations into Council documents as they pertain to the 5-year EFH review. She will also provide a proposed timeline and process. The Committee should ask questions and provide relevant feedback.
