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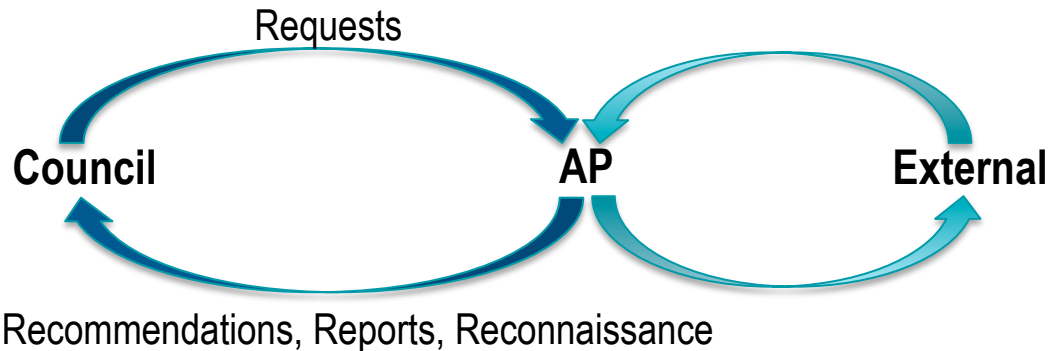
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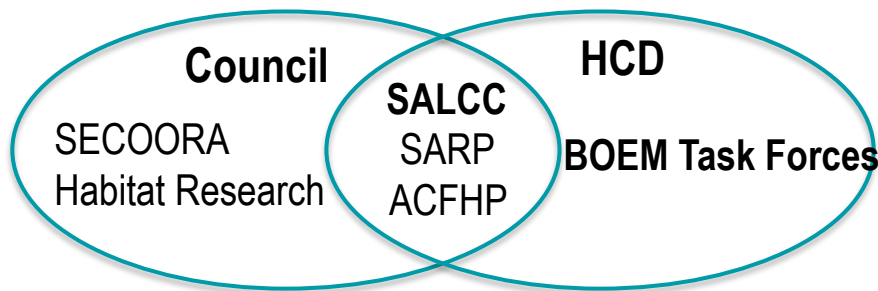


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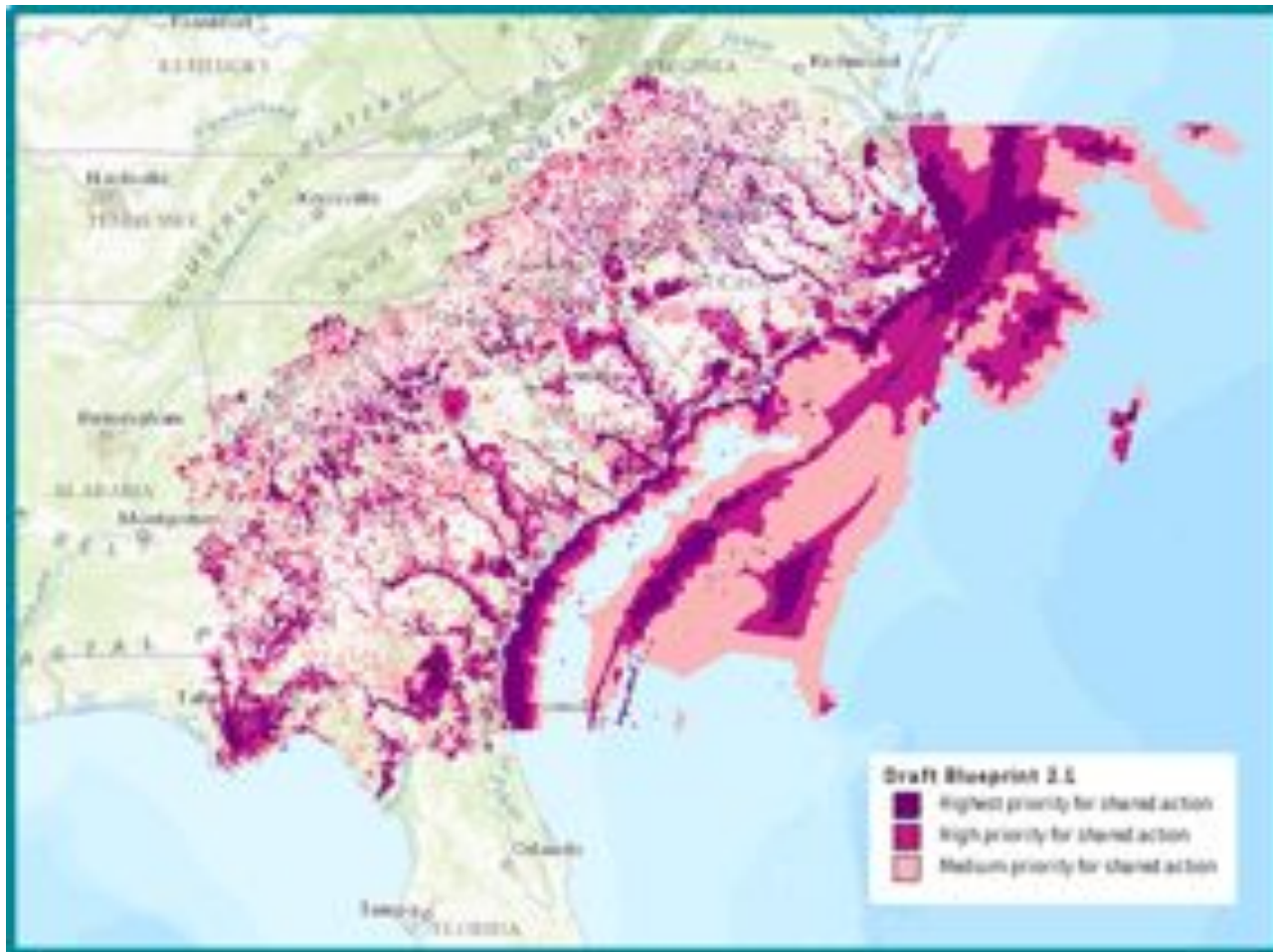
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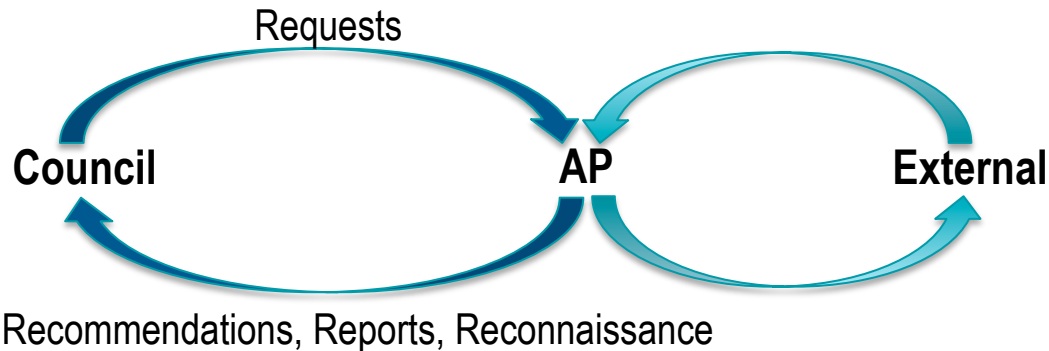
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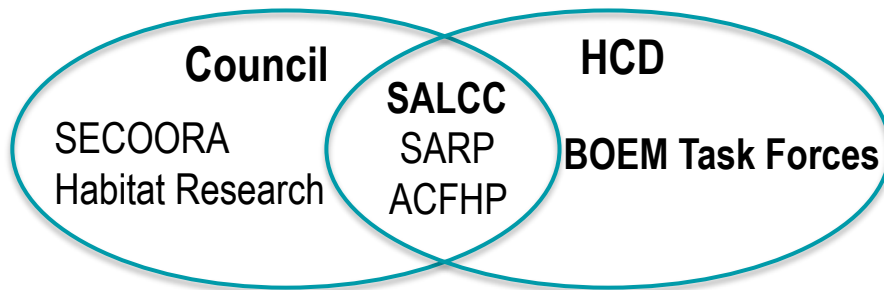


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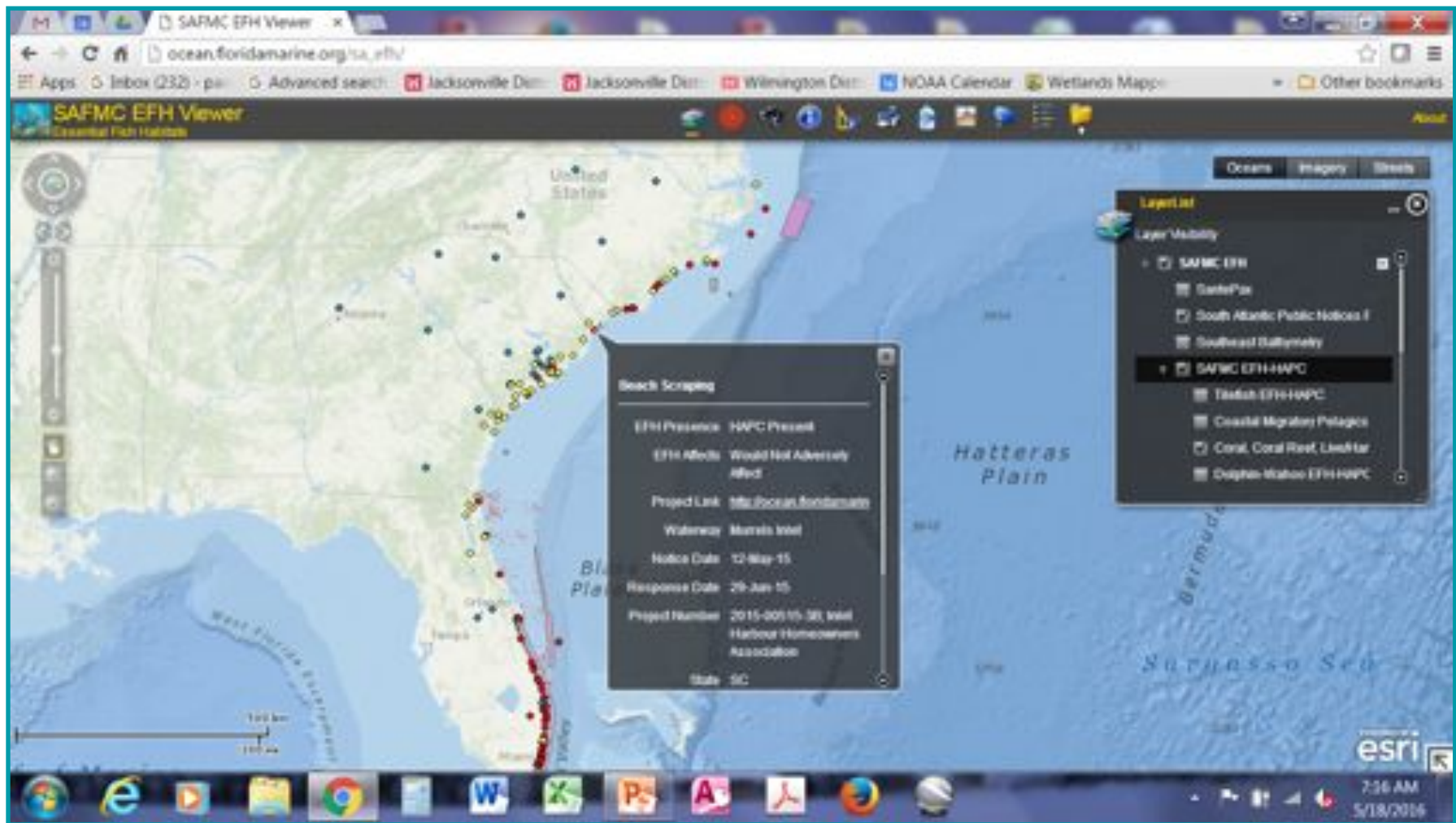
- **Special Projects**

- HCD provides project updates to APs, Committees, and Council on demand
- SAFMC provides EFH comment letters based on HCD evaluations

- **Routine**

- HCD copies SAFMC on all EFH comment letters
- SAFMC adds letters to ArcGIS-based web service

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The screenshot displays the SAFMC EFH Viewer web application. The browser address bar shows the URL [ocean.floridamarine.org/va\\_efh/](http://ocean.floridamarine.org/va_efh/). The application interface includes a map of the Hatteras Plain area, a layer list on the right, and a pop-up window for a specific project.

**Beach Scraping Pop-up Window:**

EFH Presence	HAPC Present
EFH Affects	Would Not Adversely Affect
Project Link	186 Ocean Boulevard
Waterway	Murrells Inlet
Notice Date	12 May 15
Response Date	26 Jun 15
Project Number	2015-00515-30, Inlet Harbour Homeowners Association
State	NC

**Email Inset Window:**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Southeast Regional Office  
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St. Petersburg, Florida 33712-2800  
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(Sent via Electronic Mail)

Lt. Col. John Litz, Commander  
Charleston District, Corps of Engineers  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107  
Attention: Wiley Bracey

Dear Colonel Litz:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviewed public notice 2015-00515-30, dated May 12, 2015. The Inlet Harbour Homeowners Association (Inlet Harbour HOA) requests authorization from the Department of the Army to perform beach nourishment along 4,200 linear feet of beachfront via sand scraping, Georgetown County. According to the public notice, the purpose of the project is to maintain a healthier beach, expand the recreation area, and improve storm protection. No compensatory mitigation is proposed. The Charleston District's initial determination is the proposed excavating and filling would not have substantial individual or cumulative adverse impacts on essential fish habitat (EFH) or federally managed fishery species.

# Habitat Protection Policies

- **Protection and Restoration of EFH from**
  - **Marine Aquaculture (updated June 2014)**
  - **Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (updated June 2014)**
  - **Beach Nourishment and Large-Scale Construction (updated March 2015)**
  - **Energy Exploration and Development (updated December 2015)**
  - **Alterations to Riverine, Estuarine, and Nearshore Flows (updated June 2014)**
  - **Non-native and Invasive Species (updated June 2014)**
  - **Artificial Reefs (under development)**