

SAR - PWS - Interests - Fish

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0027574-002	Less emphasized is the protection of herring spawning and rearing habitat in nearshore areas. Landbased development could affect the nearshore habitat due to migration of materials and pollution into the water. Also of concern is the increase of recreational and commercial charter vessels. Mooring buoys in popular anchorages will help prevent damage to kelp beds by anchors in the shallows that are so vital to the spawning and rearing of the Pacific herring. As the herring stocks in Prince William Sound are depressed, every measure should be taken to allow recovery as the Pacific herring is major key in the food chain in PWS.
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