

APPENDIX XII

DETAILED DATA FOR THE EFH METRIC ANALYSIS FOR THE HABITAT ALTERNATIVES COMBINED WITH THE AMENDMENT 13 STATUS QUO MORTALITY CLOSURES (ALTERNATIVES 1, 2, 3, AND 4)

Appendix XII was part of the Amendment 13 DSEIS analysis of the combined effect of the proposed habitat alternatives and no action groundfish mortality closures. This analysis was unable to illustrate the independent effects of the habitat closure alternatives and the groundfish mortality alternatives. After public comment it was decided that this analysis does not accurately reflect the benefits long-term mortality closures have had to EFH because these areas have not been closed to all gear types that impact benthic habitat. Thus it is inappropriate to combine the EFH benefits of habitat closures and mortality closures because certain gears have been permitted into all or portions of mortality closures over the years. Therefore, Appendix XII has been removed from Amendment 13, but copies of the Appendix submitted in the DSEIS are available from the Council Office.