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General Comments

Very comprehensive and useful document, particularly in terms of the methodology that can be used for measuring variables in the various sections. However, the data collection is geared only to the physical and biological environments. No consideration is made if the 'region of interest' is important for any exploited fisheries.

It is unclear from the other related guidelines whether the socio-economic environment conditions noted the possible exploitation of fish resources and resulting potential disruptions.

It could be noted somewhere in the document that older technology/ methods may be assessed to determine whether they would be suitable for the purposes.

Specific Comments

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2	4	Baseline data on the Socioeconomic/ sociocultural environment should also be obtained, including but not limited to, oil and gas activities, shipping and maritime operations, historical and archaeological sites. Air quality characterization should also be included.
20	695	Hydrocarbons including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons should be included in the list of variables to be determined.
38	1492	Include marine reptiles after birds
41	1641	Possibly describe the mesh sizes of the macroplankton net and the mesh sizes of the multiple cod ends.