§ 585.803 How must I conduct my approved activities to protect essential fish habitats identified and described under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act?

(a) If, during the conduct of your approved activities, BOEM finds that essential fish habitat or habitat areas of particular concern may be adversely affected by your activities, BOEM must consult with National Marine Fisheries Service.

(b) Any conservation recommendations adopted by BOEM to avoid or minimize adverse effects on Essential Fish Habitat will be incorporated as terms and conditions in the lease and must be adhered to by the applicant. BOEM may require additional surveys to define boundaries and avoidance distances.

(c) If required, BOEM will specify the survey methods and instrumentations for conducting the biological survey and will specify the contents of the biological report.

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