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It is the policy of NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation to ensure the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat (EFH) in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and other relevant authorities and guidance promulgated by Congress, NOAA and other Federal agencies.