

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee (Committee) convened at 9:30 AM on Monday, April 2, 2007. In attendance were Committee members Kathy Fosmark, Don Hansen, Rod Moore, Dale Myer, and Roger Thomas. Also present were Council members Mark Helvey, Curt Melcher, David Ortman, Frank Warrens, and Gordy Williams; Council staff Don McIsaac and John Coon; and Trawl Individual Quota Committee member Dorothy Lowman.

As its first order of business, the Committee elected Rod Moore as Vice Chairman. Mr. Moore then took the Chair in the absence of Chairman Dave Hanson, who was attending a concurrent meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

The Committee briefly discussed an administration proposal on offshore aquaculture development and noted receipt of comments from the State of Alaska regarding the proposal. After confirming that the proposal had not yet been introduced in either the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate, and that the Council had not received a further request for comments from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Committee tabled discussion on the measure, agreeing to consider it further at such time as a bill was introduced. The Committee also noted that it expected the individual States would provide comments to their Congressional delegations.

The Committee then turned to issues which need to be addressed as a result of amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Dr. McIsaac provided a brief summary of discussions that have taken place in the Council Coordinating Committee and reported on his meetings with the Executive Directors of the North Pacific and Western Pacific Fishery Management Councils. The Legislative Committee will provide reports on these under Council Agenda Items C.2.c and J.5.b respectively.

Finally under "Other Business" the Committee discussed Council Agenda Item I.1, "Review of Oregon OPAC Report" and agreed to provide comments under that agenda item.

The Committee adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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