

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Thursday, June 11, 2015 to review legislation proposed in the 114th Congress and to discuss the current status of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization (Agenda Item F.1, Attachments 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10). As recommended by the Council and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel, the LC will discuss a proposed letter on HR 564 (Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 5), a bill proposing to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon. In addition, the LC will discuss a proposed change to the MSA to address the issue of harassment of fishery observers.

The Council approved two letters on legislation at the April Council meeting; these are included as Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 6 (on HR 774, the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act) and Attachment 7 (on HR 1335, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”). In addition, the Council directed staff to send a letter to President Obama on implementation of the REFI Act (Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 8).

Further detail on these issues will be included in the supplemental Legislative Committee report (Agenda Item F.1.b).

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1, Supplemental Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
2. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 2: HR 1335 as Reported by Committee (**Electronic only**).
3. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 3: MSA with Proposed HR 1335 Changes (**Electronic only**).
4. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 4: Summary of MSA Changes Proposed by HR 1335 and Other Bills.
5. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 5: HR 564, Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act.
6. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 6: Council letter on HR 774 (IUU fishing).
7. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 7: Council letter on HR 1335 (MSA reauthorization).
8. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 8: Council letter on REFI Act.
9. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 9: Obama Policy Statement on HR 1335.
10. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 10: S 1403, Florida Fisheries Improvement Act.
11. Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.

Agenda Order:

F.1 Legislative Matters

Jennifer Gilden

a. Report of the Legislative Committee

Dave Hanson

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

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