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Agenda Item G.1  
Attachment 2  
September 2016

Chuck Tracy  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Tracy:

Representative Farr has introduced H.R. 5797, the California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act. The Act purportedly aims to provide protection to certain offshore areas from extractive uses and other activities that could cause harm. It further provides for the regulation of fishery activities at the named seamounts and ridges, all of which are within the United States exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Pacific Fishery Management Council is charged with managing and protecting fisheries in the EEZ offshore of the Pacific coast of the continental United States. There appears to be some overlap in fishery management responsibility between the Council and the separate administrative plan outlined in H.R. 5797. As the entity charged with managing and protecting marine fishery resources, I would appreciate your analysis and comments on the potential impacts of H.R. 5797 on fishery management, marine habitat protection, and coastal communities. The Council's comments will provide critical perspective as Congress considers the need for this legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, or Reed Linsk, of my staff. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter".

Duncan Hunter  
Member of Congress



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## Fwd: Letter from Congressman Hunter

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Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 3:02 PM

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Reed:

Thanks to you and Rep Hunter for your request that the Pacific Council provide comments on H.R. 5797. We will put this on the agenda for our September Council meeting in **Boise, Idaho**. Our normal process is for our Legislative Committee to discuss legislation (September 14, 1 pm) and make recommendations for Council consideration (September 16 or 17). If you or other Congressional staff are interested in the Legislative Committee or Council discussions, you are more than welcome to attend the meetings, or you can listen in to the Council discussions on the 16th (or 17th if we get behind) via our live stream (<http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> Webinar ID: 132-423-419). Draft comments on legislation may be available in our briefing materials, which will be available **online** by September 1. All of our meetings are open to the public.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further service, please don't hesitate to call me or our legislative staff officer, Jennifer Gilden ([503-820-2418](tel:503-820-2418)).

Regards.

On Mon, Aug 1, 2016 at 8:01 AM, PFMC Comments - NOAA Service Account <[pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov)> wrote:

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