

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Thursday, April 6, 2017, to review bills proposed in the 115th Congress (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1), and to discuss a request for comments from Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler on HR 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act (Attachment 2). The Act is similar to HR 1335, which the Council commented on in 2015 (Attachment 3). An excerpt showing HR 200's proposed changes to annual catch limits is shown in Attachment 4. The Council Coordination Committee has drafted a letter on HR 200 (Attachment 5).

The Legislative Committee will also be discussing the January 30, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs.

As requested at the November Council meeting, the Council sent a letter to Senator Maria Cantwell on the West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (Attachment 6).

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
2. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2: HR 200 (**Electronic Only**).
3. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 3: Letter from the Council regarding HR 1335.
4. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 4: Proposed Changes to ACL rules in HR 200.
5. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 5: Draft Letter from the Council Coordination Committee on HR 200.
6. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 6: Letter from the Council to Senator Cantwell on the West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act.
7. *Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.*

Agenda Order:

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| a. Report of the Legislative Committee | Dave Hanson |
| b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
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