

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee met Friday, April 5 to review legislative matters of interest to the Council. One matter of high relevance for this meeting is the Council priorities for the MSA reauthorization, a matter of forecast for the Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3 (MONF3) Conference. The collective Regional Fishery Management Councils (RFMC) have been asked by representatives of the U.S. Senate and House for their input on priorities to be considered in reauthorizing the MSA. Each Council is expected to articulate the matters of greatest concern at the onset of the MONF3 Conference. Immediately after the MONF3 Conference, the eight RFMC will convene the Council Coordinating Committee (CCC) to consider conference results and collective recommendations.

Council staff has provided a summary of legislation introduced in the 113th U.S. Congress (Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 1) for potential review at the April Council meeting. In addition, a staff summary of testimony at the March 13, 2013 House Committee on Natural Resources hearing on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act is provided (Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 2).

On October 1, 2012 the Council sent a letter at the request of Representative Mike Thompson (California) and Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler (Washington) commenting on H.R. 6362, The Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries (REFI) in the Pacific Act of 2012. The letter is attached (Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 3). The bill was not signed into law before the end of the 112th Congress.

Council Action:

1. Consider the recommendations of the Legislative Committee.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 1: April 2013 Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
2. Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 2: Staff Summary of MSA Reauthorization Hearing.
3. Agenda Item B.4.a, Attachment 3: Council letter on HR 6362, the Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries (REFI) in the Pacific Act of 2012.
4. Agenda Item B.4.b, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the Legislative Committee
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Recommendations

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