

## HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Habitat Committee (HC) discussed potential improvements to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to be discussed at the Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3 conference. The committee made two recommendations:

- Develop a new term, other than “overfishing,” for when a run is depressed for reasons not related to fishing; and for the “overfishing” reports required when a stock is “overfished” for three years in a row.
- The HC agrees with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Administrator Sam Rauch, in his comments to the House Committee on Natural Resources, that ecosystem, habitat, and climate change need to be incorporated into stock assessments and management decisions.

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