

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet by webinar on June 11, 2014 to discuss the status of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization and to draft a report that will be finalized at the LC's meeting in conjunction with the Garden Grove Council meeting on Thursday, June 19. The agenda for the June 11 meeting is attached (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 10). All materials for the June 11 webinar are available online at www.pcouncil.org.

MSA Reauthorization Status

On April 3, 2014, Senator Mark Begich released a staff working draft of an MSA reauthorization bill (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 1); and on May 23 Representative Doc Hastings submitted H.R. 4742, a MSA reauthorization bill based on the House discussion draft previously discussed by the LC (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 2). Council staff has developed a marked-up and footnoted version of the MSA that shows proposed changes by both House and Senate (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 3); and a brief summary of differences between the two versions (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 4). The comment period for the Senate discussion draft closed on June 2.

Other Legislation

Council staff has provided a summary of legislation introduced in the 113th U.S. Congress (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 5) for potential review at this meeting. The Council has currently not received any request for comment on these bills.

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations regarding H.R. 4742, other MSA reauthorization issues, other legislation, and any other legislative issues that may arise.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 1: Senate MSA Reauthorization Discussion Draft.
2. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 2: House MSA Reauthorization bill (HR 4742).
3. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 3: Footnoted Version of MSA with House and Senate Changes.
4. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 4: Summary of Differences between House and Senate Versions of MSA.
5. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 5: Staff Summary of Federal legislation.
6. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 6: Comments of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council on Senate discussion draft.
7. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 7: Comments of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee on a Seafood Sustainability Registration Program.
8. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 8: Lowman Response to House Questions following Testimony.
9. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 9: Letter from Salmon Associations Regarding S. 2198.
10. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 10: Agenda from June 11 LC Webinar.

11. Agenda Item C.3.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 the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee
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