

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) met on Friday, November 14, 2014 to review current legislation, discuss Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization issues, and draft a report to the Council. The LC considered recommendations from advisory body statements for changes on additions to current Council priorities on MSA reauthorization and a process to proactively refine the Council's reauthorization priorities. The LC also considered the Council staff summary of current Federal legislation (Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 1).

Recent Communications

In September, the Council directed staff to develop two letters: one commenting on Senator Lisa Murkowski's bill (S 2608) calling for Congressional approval and NEPA analysis of National Monument designations; and one to President Obama regarding the process of declaring marine national monuments. These are attached, respectively, as Agenda Item C.3 Attachments 2 and 3. In addition, a letter from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to Senators Mark Begich and Marco Rubio, regarding the Senate discussion draft MSA reauthorization bill, is provided as Attachment 4.

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal legislation.
2. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 2: Letter from Council to Senator Murkowski
3. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 3: Letter from Council to President Obama
4. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 4: Letter from ODFW to Senators Begich and Rubio
5. 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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