

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2014 to discuss the status of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization, review current legislation, and draft a report to the Council (Agenda Item I.1.b).

MSA Reauthorization Status

Currently there are two bills that propose to reauthorize the MSA. The first, HR 4742, was introduced in May and has been discussed by the Legislative Committee and Council. A new draft of the Senate's bill was released for discussion on July 18 (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1). An updated, marked-up and footnoted version of the MSA that shows proposed changes by both House and Senate is provided as Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 2; a brief summary of differences between the versions is provided as Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 3; and a letter from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council providing their perspective is provided as Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 4.

In June, the Council directed staff to send a letter to principals in the House of Representatives and Senate regarding proposed MSA reauthorization legislation and draft legislation (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 5). In addition, the Council directed the Legislative Committee to review comments made by the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel regarding MSA reauthorization. A summary of those comments is attached (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 6).

Other Legislation

Council staff has provided a summary of legislation introduced in the 113th U.S. Congress (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 7). Among other legislation, Senator Lisa Murkowski has introduced a bill calling for Congressional approval and NEPA analysis of National Monument designations (S 2608, Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachments 8, 9), and the Council was asked to comment on the bill (Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 10).

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1: Second Senate Draft MSA Reauthorization Bill (*Electronic only*).
2. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 2: Footnoted Version of MSA with House and Senate Changes (*Electronic only*).
3. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 3: Staff Summary of Differences between House and Senate Draft Versions of MSA.
4. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 4: Gulf Fishery Management Council letter commenting on House discussion draft.
5. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 5: Letter to Chairman Hastings and Senator Begich.

6. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 6: Summary of Advisory Body Comments on MSA Reauthorization.
7. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 7: Staff Summary of Federal legislation.
8. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 8: S 2608, Improved National Monument Designation Process Act.
9. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 9: Summary of Murkowski Bill.
10. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 10: Request for Council Comment on Murkowski Bill.
11. Agenda Item I.1.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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