

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT (MSA) REAUTHORIZATION PRIORITIES AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet Thursday, October 31 to review Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization priorities discussed at the October 23-24, 2013 Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting, to discuss additions or deletions from the Council priority assignments decided at the September 2013 Council meeting, to discuss a format for further analysis of Council priority assignments, and to review legislative matters of interest to the Council.

Council Coordination Committee Follow-up

The CCC will meet via webinar on October 23-24 for the primary purpose of considering positions on MSA reauthorization, including further analysis of the findings developed at the Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3 (MONF3) Conference and preliminary priorities of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service (see Agenda Item A.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 1, for the proposed CCC meeting agenda). A summary of the results of discussions relative to MSA reauthorization is shown in Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 7.

Further Analysis of Priority Topics

In September, the Council identified priority topics for further analysis prior to considering position statements. There has been insufficient time since the September Council meeting to provide detailed analysis at this meeting. However, under a presumption that Congressional action will not be so advanced by the spring of 2014 to preclude more deliberate analysis over the winter, it is useful at this time to hear what the Council feels is necessary further information and analysis to be considered at the April 2014 Council meeting when this topic is next scheduled for Council consideration. As an example of the kind of information and preliminary analysis that might be brought back to the Council, Council staff has created a draft fact sheet format, using one topic for illustration purposes (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 1). The Council should provide guidance on the format and content of further analysis requested for its April 2014 meeting.

Changes to the List of Preliminary Pacific Council Priorities

The Legislative Committee and the Council spent a substantial amount of time discussing the MONF3 Conference findings at the September Council meeting, and identified 17 priority topic areas for further analysis (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 2). However, in addition to new input from the CCC meeting as described above, not all Council advisory bodies were able to comment at that time since they did not all meet in September. While the Council may wish to postpone further prioritization decisions of the findings until the March 2014 meeting when more detailed analysis is available, it may wish to alter the current initial list of 17 priority topic areas based on additional input received at this meeting. Notably, there are advisory bodies that were

not present at the September Council meeting and are not present at this meeting whose input will need to be considered at a later time.

Current Legislation

Council staff has provided a summary of legislation introduced in the 113th U.S. Congress (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 3) for potential review at this meeting.

Letters

At its September meeting, the Council directed Council staff to develop three letters: A draft letter on H.R. 69 (Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013) and S. 269 (International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act) in the event that the Council receives a Congressional request for comment on this issue (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 4); a Congressionally-requested letter on the Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries (REFI) in the Pacific Act of 2013 (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 5); and a letter requesting comment from relevant West Coast tribes on proposed changes to the tenure of the tribal seat on the Council (Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 6).

Council Action:

1. Consider the Legislative Committee report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 1: Draft Fact Sheet on Potential Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues.
2. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 2: Initial Listing of Pacific Council MSA Reauthorization Priority Topics, September 2013.
3. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 3: November 2013 Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
4. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 4: Draft Letter to Del. Madeleine Bordallo and Senator John “Jay” Rockefeller on H.R. 69 (Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013) and S. 269 (International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act).
5. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 5: Letter to Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler on H.R. 2646 and S. 1275, The Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries (REFI) in the Pacific Act of 2013.
6. Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 6: Letter to Tribes on Proposed Change to Tribal Council Seat.
7. Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 7: Summary of MSA Reauthorization CCC Meeting Discussions.
8. Agenda Item I.2.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

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d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

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