

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Situation: The Legislative Committee will meet September 9, 2002 to review several pieces of federal legislation currently being considered by Congress. These bills include comprehensive changes to re-authorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Other bills focus specifically on modifying certain aspects of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Two complementary bills (one from the Senate, one from the House of Representatives) would provide for qualified withdrawals from the Capital Construction Fund. Other recent legislative matters include \$500,000 to carry out a West Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program, which was included in the fiscal year 2002 Defense and Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 107-206; HR 4775/HRpt 107-593).

The Legislative Committee will provide a summary report to the Council, which might include recommendations for Council actions.

Council Action:

1. Consider Council response to legislative issues.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit H.1.b, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Legislative Committee Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Council Response to Legislative Issues

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