

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Situation: The Legislative Committee will meet June 16, 2003 to review federal legislative issues and a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed fishing capacity reduction program.

Senate Bill 1106 was recently introduced in the Senate (Exhibit H.1, Attachment 1). As described in the *Congressional Record*, this bill would establish national standards for fishing quota programs (Exhibit H.1, Attachment 2).

NMFS has published notice of a proposed fishing capacity reduction program, which would implement the West Coast groundfish fishery buyback program. The notice describes the program, the bidding process for potential participants, and contains the bidding document (Exhibit H.1, Attachment 3). NMFS requests comments be submitted by June 27, 2003.

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

Council Action:

1. Consider recommendations of the Legislative Committee.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit H.1, Attachment 1, Senate Bill 1106 – May 22, 2003.
2. Exhibit H.1, Attachment 2, *Congressional Record*, pp. S6985-6988.
3. Exhibit H.1, Attachment 3, Notice of Proposed Fishing Capacity Reduction Program, 68FR31653-31677.
4. 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 Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

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