

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Situation: The Legislative Committee will meet September 8, 2003 to review federal legislative issues.

Several individual fishing quota (IFQ) related matters will be discussed by the Committee. Representative Wayne Gilchrest sent a letter (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 1) to the Council requesting the Council postpone final action on IFQ programs or other quota-based systems until Congress passes IFQ program guidelines. House bill H.R. 2621, introduced June 26<sup>th</sup>, would establish requirements for fishing quota programs (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 2). Senate bill S. 1106, introduced May 22<sup>nd</sup>, is also to establish standards for fishing quota programs (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 3).

H.R. 2890 will also be reviewed by the Committee (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 4). This House bill applies to recreational fishing and the establishment of closed areas.

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 B.4, Attachment 1, Rep. Gilchrest letter.
2. Exhibit B.4, Attachment 2, H.R. 2621.
3. Exhibit B.4, Attachment 3, S. 1106.
4. Exhibit B.4, Attachment 4, H.R. 2890.
5. Exhibit B.4.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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