

Subject: [Fwd: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Reauthorization Discussion Draft]

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Dan-

Please see below, and provide for having this email and the draft bill in the Briefing Book, and on the Legislative Committee agenda for 11 am Monday of the March Council meeting.

Renee-

Please fax this email to Roger Thomas.

Thanks,
Don

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Reauthorization Discussion Draft

Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2004 14:32:20 -0500

From: Whaley, Dave <Dave.Whaley@mail.house.gov>

To: Comments, Magnuson <Magnuson.Comments@mail.house.gov>

As the 108th Congress transitions from the first to the second session, the development of policy for the comprehensive conservation and management of our nation's fisheries is one of the highest priorities of the House Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.

As you are probably aware, the Committee on Resources passed a reauthorization bill (H.R. 4749) in the 107th Congress, but it was never considered by the full House of Representatives. Attached you will find the text of H.R. 4749 from the 107th Congress which I am releasing as a Discussion Draft for the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in this Congress. The attached Discussion Draft is the culmination of stakeholder input from 9 hearings and a significant number of meetings with all interested constituency groups held during the 106th and 107th Congresses. While it represents a good synthesis of perspectives, the landscape of ocean fisheries management is evolving, and debate continues on a number of important issues. Also, we will soon be considering the oceans policy review and recommendations from the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

In anticipation of the Commission's report and your responses to ocean fishery management issues as they have evolved since the 107th Congress, I request your review of the attached Discussion Draft and that you once again join the discussion about the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization. While the 108th Congress is more than half over, I still believe that there is enough time to pass a reauthorization

if we can come to agreement on the major issues facing fisheries management in the United States and can develop appropriate provisions to deal with these important issues.

I look forward to working with you on reauthorizing this important Act and hope you will be able to take the time to review the earlier legislation and provide me with your views. I would ask that you send your responses to Magnuson.Comments@mail.house.gov by March 31, 2004. Please feel free to share this Discussion Draft with other interested individuals.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Gilchrest
Chairman
Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans

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