

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee will meet Monday, November 1 to review federal legislative issues.

Several congressional bills related to national ocean policy and fishery management were introduced during the latter half of 2004. Much of this legislation responds to recommendations made by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. These bills were discussed by the Council in September and information about the bills was provided in the September Briefing Book.

Currently, Congress is in recess until after the November 2, 2004 elections. The Senate is scheduled to return November 16, 2004.

On September 30, the House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on HR 4368 – *Weather and Oceans Resources Realignment Act*. Selections of testimony from the hearing are provided in the briefing book, including Timothy Keeney, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association (Agenda Item B.4.a, Hearing Testimony).

The Legislative Committee will provide a summary report to the Council.

Council Action:

1. Consider recommendations of the Legislative Committee.

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum B.4.a, Hearing Testimony.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item 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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