

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee is not scheduled to meet at the November Council meeting. At the September Council meeting, the Legislative Committee requested a longer session at its next meeting to allow additional time to deliberate several significant federal legislation matters. The Council determined the best way to accommodate this request was to schedule the next meeting of the Legislative Committee between the November 2005 and the March 2006 Council meetings. The date, time, and location of this meeting have not been formally arranged.

Potential federal legislation either currently distributed for review or anticipated to be released in the near future include the Administration proposed bill on reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), a House of Representatives introduced bill on MSA reauthorization anticipated from U.S. Representative Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-Maryland) and the House Committee on Resources, a U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation introduced bill on reauthorization and a revised version of S. 1549, the *Cooperative Hake Improvement and Conservation Act of 2005* introduced by U.S. Senator Gordon Smith (R-Oregon). Additionally, the Council directed Council staff to track amendments to S. 1195, the *National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2005*, for discussion at the next meeting of the Legislative Committee.

The Council is tasked with scheduling the next meeting of Legislative Committee and providing prioritized recommendations on legislative matters to be addressed.

### **Council Action:**

### **Discussion and Guidance for the Next Legislative Committee Meeting.**

#### Reference Materials:

None.

#### Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Guidance for Legislative Committee Meeting

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