

UPDATE ON MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

The Council has been anticipating proposed guidelines and/or regulations on several important provisions of the *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006* (MSRA) such as a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the process for establishing annual catch limits and accountability measures designed to prevent overfishing and a revised proposal for a new environmental review process for fishery management actions.

No review materials were available by the deadline for the advance April Briefing Book. The MSRA status report posted on the NMFS web site dedicated to MSA implementation (www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/) schedules these items for publication in the spring of 2008. Staff will continue to work with NMFS on implementation of MSRA provisions and review materials will be distributed at the first Council meeting following their publication by NMFS.

Given the impending release of these significant MSA implementation materials, the Council may discuss a preferred process for Council review.

Council Task:

Council discussion on the review process and any available proposed requirements, as available.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council discussion on the review process and any available proposed requirements.

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