

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Legislative Committee (Committee) is scheduled to meet Friday, April 3rd at 3:30 p.m. to review a variety of legislative matters of interest to the Council. Council staff has provided a summary of bills that have been introduced in the 111th U.S. Congress since the beginning of 2009 (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1). It is unlikely that the Committee will have time to discuss all of the legislation in the summary in detail, but the Committee may identify high priority legislation for discussion at future meetings.

Among the bills to be discussed is H.R. 1080, the *Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009*. This bill would strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and would also amend existing legislation by implementing technical corrections regarding U.S. representation to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the process specified under the U.S./Canada agreement on Pacific Whiting. In a March 5, 2009 letter to U.S. Congressional representatives from the State of Washington, Mr. Phillip Anderson, Council Member and Interim Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, expresses support for such corrections; a letter from the Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Executive Director, Mr. Daniel Waldeck, expressed support for corrections to legislation implementing the U.S./Canada agreement on Pacific whiting (Agenda Item G.1.d, Public Comment).

Council Action:

Consider the recommendations of the Legislative Committee.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation in the 111th U.S. Congress of Particular Interest to the Pacific Fishery Management Council.
2. Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.
3. Agenda Item G.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Legislative Committee Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Recommendations

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