

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Wednesday, September 14 to review bills proposed in the 114th Congress (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1), and to discuss a request for comments from Representatives Duncan Hunter on HR 5797, the California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act (Attachments 2, 3, and 7). As requested at the June Council meeting, a letter to President Obama regarding a potential Executive Order designating a marine National Monument in the same locations is expected to be sent prior to the September Council meeting (Supplemental Attachment 8).

In June of this year, the Council approved a letter to the House Committee on Natural Resources regarding HR 4576, the Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act. The letter is attached (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 4). A new version of the legislation is now available (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 5, *electronic only*); further details will be provided in the Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.

The LC also discussed the current status of the West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act. In June of 2015, the Council sent a requested comment letter to Representative Herrera-Beutler; that letter is attached (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 6).

Council Action:

Consider the LC Report and recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: Request for Comment from U.S. Congressman Hunter on HR 5797, the California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act.
3. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3: Text of HR 5797.
4. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 4: Letter from the Council to the House Committee on Natural Resources regarding HR 4576, the Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act.
5. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 5: Latest version of HR 4576 (***ELECTRONIC ONLY***).
6. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 6: June, 2015 letter from the Council on the West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act.
7. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 7: Draft letter to Rep. Duncan Hunter on HR 5797.
8. Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 8: Letter from the Council to President Obama on Potential Monument Designation.
9. Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report.
10. Agenda Item G.1.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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Jennifer Gilden

a. Report of the Legislative Committee

Dave Hanson

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

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