

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) met on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The meeting was attended by committee members Mr. Dave Hanson (Chair), Mr. David Crabbe, Mr. Rich Lincoln, Ms. Dorothy Lowman, and Mr. Herb Pollard; Council members Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Mr. Pete Hassemer, and Ms. Marci Yaremko; Council staff Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Mr. Chuck Tracy, Mr. Mike Burner, and Mr. Don Hansen; Ms. Gillian Lyons, Theresa Labriola, and others.

MSA Legislation

The LC first heard a staff review of recent Federal legislation (Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1). Currently, four bills have been introduced to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA): HR 200 (Young), HR 2023 (Graves), S 1748 (Rubio), and S 1520 (Wicker). Attachment 2 summarizes the differences between these bills. Hearings have been held on MSA in both the House and Senate, but the bills have not yet been reported by committee. The Council submitted comments on HR 200 in response to a request from Rep. Herrera-Beutler in April, but has not received any further requests for comment.

Other Recent Legislation

HR 374, which removes the sunset provision regarding state management of Dungeness crab, has been signed into law. The LC is also tracking other legislation that relates to California water and salmon (HR 23), Columbia River hydropower operations (HR 3144), and other matters. These bills are summarized in Attachment 1.

Future Meetings

The LC recommends maintaining a placeholder to meet in conjunction with the November Council meeting dependent upon congressional activity and potential future requests for Pacific Council comments.

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