

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Thursday, November 14, to review bills proposed in the 116th Congress (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1).

In addition, the LC, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and other advisory bodies will discuss the *Report to Congress: Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act* (Attachment 2), which was prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Science and Technology as required by the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018. Section 201 and the draft report focus on incorporation of data collected by state and nongovernmental organizations into fisheries management. The report provides guidance on best scientific information, data collection and analysis, and provides recommendations for facilitating greater incorporation of these data sources into fisheries management.

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Fisheries is directed to produce this report “in consultation with the SSCs of the Councils and the Marine Fisheries Commissions.” Thus, NOAA is seeking SSC, Council, and Commission review and feedback on the draft report by December 31, 2019.

Finally, in September the Council approved a letter (Attachment 3) to Senator Cantwell in response to her request for comments on the “Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act” (S. 2346), and to Representative Bishop (Attachment 4) on the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act” (HR 1979) and the “Forage Fish Conservation Act” (HR 2236).

### **Council Action:**

**Consider the Legislative Committee Report and recommendations.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
2. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2: Report to Congress on Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act.
3. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3: Letter to Senator Cantwell on S. 2346.
4. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 4: Letter to Representative Bishop on HR 1979 and HR 2236.
5. *Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report 1.*
6. If received, public comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- I.1 Legislative Matters Including the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act Report to Congress Jennifer Gilden
  - a. Report of the Legislative Committee Dave Hanson
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations and Provide Comments on the Report to Congress

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