

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) met by webinar on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The entire committee was in attendance.

The LC first heard a staff review of recent Federal legislation (Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1), including a brief discussion of Representative Young's (R-CA) Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization bill (Attachment 2, 5, and 6) and a detailed presentation on Representative Jared Huffman's (D-CA) MSA reauthorization discussion draft (Attachments 3, 4, 5, and 6). At this point, the Council has not received a request for comment, but both the Young bill and the Huffman draft propose extensive revisions to the MSA; therefore, the LC members plan to individually analyze MSA reauthorization bills for future LC discussions.

The LC also discussed President Biden's Executive Order (EO) 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (Attachment 7) and the draft letter from the Council Coordinating Committee to the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce responding to Section 216 of the EO (Supplemental Attachment 8), which is focused on steps the U.S. should take to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. The LC did not have any suggested changes to the draft letter and recommends that the Council approve delivery of the letter, recognizing organizational changes and minor edits may be suggested by other Councils.

The LC also briefly discussed Idaho Representative Mike Simpson's (R-ID) proposal to breach the four lower Snake River dams, which would likely have major impacts on Columbia River salmon runs. The proposal includes breaching Lower Granite and Little Goose dams in 2030, and Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor Dams in 2031. The physical structures of the dams would remain, but the earthen berms and sediment would be removed to allow the river to run free. Representative Simpson has not yet submitted legislation on this issue; he is expected to do so in conjunction with a future infrastructure bill. The LC will continue to track the issue.

### **Future Meetings**

The LC recommends the Council put legislative matters on the April 2021 meeting, and that the LC meet prior to that.

PFMC  
03/10/21