# LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Legislative Committee (LC) will meet on Monday November 15, to review bills proposed in the 117th Congress (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1), and to consider proposed consensus statements developed for the Council Coordination Committee's (CCC's) <u>Working Paper</u> on Regional Fishery Management Council Positions on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues.

Representative Jared Huffman introduced a bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the *Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act* (H.R. 4690). Representative Young also introduced a reauthorization bill, *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act* (H.R. 59). Representatives Huffman, Case, and Young attended the CCC meeting in October and answered questions about their bills. A summary of the questions and answers is available in the meeting report (Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 3). The Pacific Council responded to a request for comments on H.R. 4690 from Representatives Huffman and Case (Attachment 2), and the CCC has drafted a response, which should be finalized prior to the November Council meeting.

# **Council Action**:

# Consider the Legislative Committee Report and recommendations.

### Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation.
- 2. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 2: PFMC Letter Responding to Request for Comments on H.R. 4690.
- 3. If received, public comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

### Agenda Order:

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- a. Report of the Legislative Committee
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