

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee (LC) met on Thursday, November 2 to consider the status of legislation in the 118th US Congress and to elect officers. The LC elected Mr. Chris Oliver as Chair and Ms. Corey Ridings as Vice Chair.

The LC briefly discussed several pieces of legislation but did not identify legislation that appears imminent and likely to affect fisheries of the west coast, or the work of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council).

The LC discussed the prospect of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization occurring during the 119th Congress and beyond. The LC understands that possible changes in the membership of the House of Representatives may result in efforts to reauthorize the MSA. The LC plans to review comments made by the Council and the Council Coordination Committee on recent MSA reauthorization efforts in anticipation of this possibility.

Finally, members expressed concern regarding the Covered Small Passenger Vessel Fire Safety Interim Rule Implementation ([Supplemental Informational Report 10](#)). The opinion of the committee is that the interim rule would not address the identified safety issue yet would require that vessel owners incur significant expense in order to be compliant with the rule.

The LC plans to meet next at the March 2024 meeting.

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