

## COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT

The Council Coordination Committee (CCC) met by conference call on Friday, October 27, 2017. On the call for the Pacific Council were Phil Anderson, David Crabbe, Don Hansen, Mike Burner, and Chuck Tracy.

### Preliminary Agenda Items for the February CCC Meeting (Diana Evans)

The following items were suggested as potential candidates for the February 2018 CCC meeting:

- Regulatory reform
- Recusal policy
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) reauthorization
- Other legislation
- Budget and Grant
- Agency policy reprioritization related to new administration
- Marine Recreation Improvement Program update
- Best Scientific Information Available guidance update
- Freedom of Information Act billable hours

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requested a collective CCC position on agenda items and priorities.

### Update on MSA reauthorization process (Chris Oliver, Sam Rauch, Alan Risenhoover)

- HR-200 is likely to be the primary legislative vehicle
- There have been seven hearings on MSA reauthorization and amendment bills so far.
- The administration feels that annual catch limit flexibility is reasonable, but headquarters believes the basic premise is important to maintain.
- The Huffman MSA reauthorization discussion draft has not been put into a bill yet.
- Passage of an MSA reauthorization bill is unlikely before the end of the current session.
- It would be acceptable to submit the CCC Legislative Workgroup paper on MSA issues to the administration without a direct request, but regardless, they are interested in the CCC/Regional Fishery Management Council positions.

### Budget update (Brian Pawlak)

- The House and Senate marks both have slight increases, although the Senate report language requires any increase over 2017 levels be given to International and Interstate Commissions, which would mean status quo for the Regional Councils.
- Grants division hopes to provide partial funding to Councils for CY2018 under the Continuing Resolution by end of December.
- HQ would like to advance the 2020-2024 grant proposal process by having initial proposals submitted by the end of 2018. In the 2015-2019 cycle, proposals were requested in November 2014.

### EBFM implementation update (Cisco Werner, Sam Rauch)

See Supplemental Attachment 2 for an outline of the plan, which provides guidance for development of regional and headquarters Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Road Map Implementation Plans.

- Regional teams are formed now; Kit Dahl, Yvonne DeReyier, Toby Garfield, and Chris Harvey are the West Coast contacts.
- Draft plans will be developed in consultation with the CCC, and public comment drafts should be available for Council comment by May.
- Final plans are expected by the end of 2018.
- National implementation plans will build off of regional plans to allow for regional flexibility and to ensure compatibility. National plans will address broad themes like research needs.
- The plans will cover a 5-year implementation period.

### Update on Regulatory Reform efforts (Sam Rauch)

Earlier this year, President Trump issued two executive orders:

EO-13771, which required repeal of two old rules for each new rule, and have a net zero economic cost.

- Most MSA rules are below the \$100M threshold for consideration under EO-13771.
- So far this year, the Councils have contributed about \$100M in savings, mostly from MSA rules with no new costs.

EO-13777 – A requirement to remove unnecessary burdens, outdated, unnecessary and ineffective regulations.

- Regarding EO-13777, NMFS has requested each Council/Region pair provide a plan for reviewing existing regulations to identify candidate rules for elimination by the end of the year.
- A list of candidate rules should be produced by July 2018. This work is likely to fall primarily on Council and West Coast Region staff.
- The Council process is unique in that it is constantly reviewing rules, and most Council regulations are deregulatory in nature.
- Because Councils have a year-round process that reviews regulations, there are likely to be opportunities within existing processes.

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