Congressional Activities Report for the Council Coordination Committee
Submitted to the New England Fishery Management Council
January 31, 2017

Overview of Work Provided:

- Provided information on Congressional activities of interest to the Regional Fishery Management Councils (see below for update on and links to House and Senate Magnuson-related hearings)
- Monitored Congressional hearing and markup schedules related to fisheries management, international fisheries, or other issues of interest to the Regional Fishery Management Councils
- Provided notice of legislation of interest moving through the House, Senate, or to the President
- Provided Regional Fishery Management Councils' meeting schedule information to House and Senate staff for consideration in the scheduling of Congressional activities related to the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization or other fisheries issues of interest to the Councils
- Met with Congressional staff to discuss upcoming activities, hearings and legislation
- Provided Council information to appropriate Congressional staff on fisheries issues of interest

Upcoming Magnuson-Stevens Act or Fisheries Related Hearings:

No hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Other Upcoming Hearings or Other Items of Interest:

- Tuesday February 7, 2017 – the House Natural Resources Committee will hold its organizational meeting at 11:00 a.m. (EST). Link to watch the meeting: 
  http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/default.aspx?Year=2017&Month=02&Earliest=2/7/2017

Previous Hearings, Markups, or Meetings of Interest:

- January 18, 2017 - Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Hearing on the nomination of Wilbur Ross, President-elect Donald Trump's Secretary of the Department of Commerce designee.
  Link: http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=D31485C6-69E7-4AA5-A984-1025C364B3DF
• January 24, 2017 – Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Executive Session
  on a number of issues including the vote on the nomination of Wilbur Ross, President-elect
  Donald Trump’s Secretary of the Department of Commerce designee.

  Link: http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=2D5C496A-180C-4DA4-
  861A-607187402E38

Legislation of Interest and Legislative Activities (updates in red):

H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management
Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural
Resources Committee.

H.R. 204, the “Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on
January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 205, a bill to “amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically
engineered fish” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House
Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 206, the “Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act (Rep.
Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources
Committee.

H.R. 214, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on
January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 222, a bill to “amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prescribe an additional requirement
for the designation of marine sanctuaries off the coast of Alaska and for other purposes” (Rep. Young, R-
Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 223, a bill to “prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from
authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in
accordance with a law authorizing such action.” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017
and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H. R. 374, a bill to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other
Natural Resources Committee. (Note: This is the bill to extend state jurisdiction over the Dungeness
crab fishery.) Passed the House of Representatives on January 30, 2017 under Suspension of the Rules.

S. 33, the “Improved National Monument Designation Process Act” (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), to
provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national
monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other
purposes. Introduced on January 5, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee.
S. 61, a bill to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384 and for other purposes (Sen. Cantwell, D-Washington). Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. (Note: This is the bill to extend state jurisdiction over the Dungeness crab fishery.)

Other:

H. R. 169, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017” (Rep. Huffman, D-California) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H. R. 310, the “Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act” (Rep. DeFazio, D- Oregon) to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 5, 2017 and referred to the House Natural resources Committee.

H. R. 368, the “Safeguard Aquaculture Farmers Act” (Rep. Crawford, R-Arkansas) to provide the force and effect of law for certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants to reduce depredation at aquaculture facilities and protect public resources. Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 31, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017” (Sen. Wyden, D-Oregon) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Introduced on January 4, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Committees of Interest – list of Members for 115th Congress:

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Members

The Committee membership consists of 27 Senators --

14 Republicans and 13 Democrats

(in order of seniority on the Committee with coastal state Members highlighted)

Republicans

John Thune (R-South Dakota) - Chair
Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)
Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)

Democrats

Bill Nelson (D-Florida) – Ranking Member
Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)
Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota)
Ted Cruz (R-Texas)
Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska)
Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)
Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)
Dean Heller (R-Nevada)
Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)
Mike Lee (R-Utah)
Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia)
Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)
Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)
Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)
Edward Markey (D-Massachusetts)
Cory Booker (D-New Jersey)
Tom Udall (D-New Mexico)
Gary Peters (D-Michigan)
Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin)
Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois)
Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire)
Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nevada)

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

Republicans

Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Chair
Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)
Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)
Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)
Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)
Mike Lee (R-Utah)
Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Democrats

Cory Booker (D-New Jersey) – Ranking Member
Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)
Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)
Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)
Edward Markey (D-Massachusetts)
Gary Peters (D-Michigan)

House Natural Resources Committee

The Committee membership consists of 43 Representatives –
25 Republicans and 18 Democrats

(in order of Committee seniority with coastal state Members highlighted)

Rob Bishop (UT-01) – Chairman
Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03) – Ranking Member
Don Young (AK-at large)  Grace Napolitano (CA-32)
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)    Madeleine Bordallo (Guam, At-large)
Doug Lamborn (CO-05)    Jim Costa (CA-16)
Rob Wittman (VA-01)    Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (CNMI, At-large)
Tom McClintock (CA-04)  Niki Tsongas (MA-05)
Steve Pearce (NM-02)    Jared Huffman (CA-02)
Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (PA-05)    Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)
Paul Gosar (AZ-04)  Don Beyer (VA-08)
Raul Labrador (ID-01)    Norma Torres (CA-35)
Scott Tipton (CO-03)    Ruben Gallego (AZ-07)
Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)    Jared Polis (CO-02)
Jeff Denham (CA-10)    WM. Lacy Clay, Jr. (Missouri-01)
Paul Cook (CA-08)    Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01)
Bruce Westerman (AR-04)    Nanette Barragán (CA-44)
Garret Graves (LA-06)    Darren Soto (FL-09)
Jody Hice (GA-10)    Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)
Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-at large)    A. Donald McEachin (VA-04)
Darin LaHood (IL-18)    Anthony Brown (MD-04)
Daniel Webster (FL-11)    
David Rouzer (NC-07)    
Jack Bergman (MI-01)    
Liz Cheney (WY-at large)    
Mike Johnson (LA-04)    
Jenniffer Gonzalez (PR-at large)    

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

Republicans
Doug Lamborn (R-Colorado) – Chair
Rob Wittman (R-Virginia)

Democrats
Jared Huffman (D-California) – Ranking Member
Grace Napolitano (D-California)
Tom McClintock (R-California)
Paul Gosar (R-Arizona)
Doug LaMalfa (R-California)
Jeff Denham (R-California)
Garret Graves (R-Louisiana)
Jody Hice (R-Georgia)
Daniel Webster (R-Florida) - Vice Chairman
David Rouzer (R-North Carolina)
Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana)

Rob Bishop, ex-officio

Jim Costa (D-California)
Don Beyer (D-Virginia)
Nanette Barragan (D-California)
Jimmy Panetta (D-California)
Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)
Gregorio Sablan (D-Mariana Islands)
Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona)