

# **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: MSA REAUTHORIZATION & CCC COMMENTS 2/17/17**

The Legislative Committee (LC) met on January 30, 2017 via conference call; a meeting report is included as **Attachment 1**. The LC reviewed HR 200 with the intent to work from the last CCC letter and have a draft letter for review/approval by the CCC at the February/March 2017 meeting. This would provide the CCC a letter to use if we are asked for comments. Remaining issues would be discussed in an updated Working Paper to be prepared by the LC prior to the May CCC meeting. The LC intends to have a revised Working Paper for review by the CCC at the May meeting.

## **Draft Position Paper to Develop a Letter**

The LC produced a draft position paper (**Attachment 2**) for the CCC to review and approve so that the CCC would be able to respond should we be asked to provide our input. The LC worked from the most recent CCC comment letter (**Attachment 3**).

The CCC should determine whether the position paper should only focus on items in HR200, or whether we should also comment on other items (e.g., policy directives) that affect the ability of the Councils to function.

**CCC Action:** Review, modify as necessary, and approve the position paper.

## **HR 200: Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act (January 3, 2017)**

Dave Whaley prepared a bullet point summary (**Attachment 4a**) and a section-by-section summary (**Attachment 4b**) of HR 200 (**Attachment 4c**). The LC used these during their discussions to produce the draft position paper.

**CCC Action:** None required; this information is provided as background for the discussions on the draft position paper.

## **Other Items:**

**CCC Action:** Discuss and provide direction as appropriate.

1. Committee Members – does the CCC want to add any more members to the LC?
2. Direct the LC to work on revising/updating the latest Working Paper (January 2015) for review by the CCC in May 2017.
3. Others??