

**FINAL
MEETING REPORT
CCC Legislative Workgroup Conference Call
March 31, 2017**

Workgroup Members:

Gregg Waugh (SAFMC), Chair
Michelle Duval (SAFMC)
Terry Stockwell (NEFMC)
Kitty Simonds (WPFMC)
Dan Hull (NPFMC)
Doug Gregory (GMFMC)
David Crabbe (PFMC)
David Whaley (Ex Officio Member)

Agenda Items: The suggested approach is to update the January 2015 Working Paper as necessary on the points addressed. Then add any additional points that should be included in the Working Paper. Next, time permitting, we can discuss HR 200 and whether we want to develop responses to what is in the bill.

1. Call to Order & Introductions – the call began shortly after 3 pm EST after resolving a phone issue and all members were present; Chris Oliver participated given that Dan will not be able to attend the CCC meeting in May. Mark Mitsuyasu, WPFMC, was also on the call.
2. Legislative Overview – Dave Whaley gave a brief overview. The House is expected to hold at least 1 hearing but not before May or June. The Dungeness Crab bill was approved by the House and the Senate is expected to address it next week. The House is holding a hearing on Monuments on March 15th and the Senate Commerce Committee will likely hold a hearing before the CCC meeting.

The WG discussed the draft CCC letter and agreed that Councils could use the draft letter for their Council discussions but the letter would not be distributed until we receive a request to comment.

3. Regional Fishery Management Council Positions on MSA Reauthorization – Gregg Waugh gave a brief overview, noting that words like “supports” & “recommends” need to be changed to address NOAA GC guidance. The WG discussed revisions and agreed to add the following items to the document for the WG to add their Councils’ position in the next version:
 - a. Resources available for additional mandates
 - b. Increase cost of transparency
 - c. Climate change
 - d. Forage fish
 - e. HR 200 Catch share moratorium

- f. Other Federal Statutes – helpful to note where conflict (Section 14)
- g. NEPA – see Section 7 in HR 200
- h. Add Section to Working Paper near the front with the consensus positions from the CCC draft letter

Gregg will revise the document and get it out to the WG to edit their Councils' wording by 4/1/17. The WG is to review the revised working paper and get comments back to Gregg on or before 4/16/17.

- 4. HR 200 – the WG reviewed the document prepared by the Gulf Council for their meeting. David Crabbe asked if the PPMC could use that document and Doug stated that any Council could use it. The WG discussed whether the National Standard 1 (NA1) Guidelines accomplish the changes needed (e.g., mixed stocks, phase-out overfishing). It was noted that the guidelines are just that guidelines, and if HR 200 restates what is in NS1 Guidelines, this would put the Councils in a stronger legal position. The WG agreed to work on this document to develop recommendations for the CCC in May. By consensus the WG agreed to use the Gulf Council's document and add each Council's positions with the goal of bringing this to the CCC in May.
- 5. Other Business – there was no other business.
- 6. Next Conference Call – the WG discussed a date for the next call and Gregg will distribute a doodle poll to select the date/time for one call and one additional potential call.
- 7. Adjourn – the call ended at 4:11 pm EST.