


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director 

DATE: April 9, 1999

SUBJECT: Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization

ESTIMATED TIME 1 HOUR

ACTION REQUIRED

Initial discussion of potential reauthorization issues.

BACKGROUND

The Magnuson-Stevens Act was significantly revised in October 1996 by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. It is my understanding that the next round of oversight hearings may occur later this spring or in early summer for the House and Senate. Final action will not occur until next year. So we have some time to develop proposals and review those coming out of the other regions. Toward that end, the Council established a reauthorization committee in February, comprised of Rick Lauber (chair), Linda Behnken, Dave Benton, and Wally Pereyra. They will hold an informal scoping meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday evening in the Council chambers, to gather public input on issues that should be considered in this next reauthorization. The committee will report their findings to the Council.