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

Overview of Work Provided:

- Provided information on Congressional activities of interest to the Regional Fishery Management Councils (see below for updates on, and links to, House and Senate Magnuson-related hearings or other hearings of interest)
- 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 Hearings:

No hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Other Upcoming Fisheries Hearings or Other Issues of Interest:

- The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a markup of a number of bills on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The bills that are slated for markup include (bills of interest to the Councils are in bold):

1. S. 763, Surface and Maritime Transportation Security Act

2. S. 61, a bill to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105-384 (the Dungeness Crabs bill)

3. S. 74, Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

4. S. 396, a bill to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes

5. S. 701, a bill to improve the competitiveness of United States manufacturing by designating and supporting manufacturing communities

6. S. 755, Fairness For Pilots Act

7. S. 756, Save Our Seas Act of 2017
8. S. 770, Making Available Information Now to Strengthen Trust and Resilience and Enhance Enterprise Technology (MAIN STREET) Cybersecurity Act

The markup can be viewed at:

- The House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans will hold a legislative hearing on three bills (bills of interest to the Councils are in **bold**) on March 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.:

1. H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of the existing Terror Lake hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

2. **H.R. 1411**, the “**Transparent Summer Flounder Quotas Act.**” A bill to exempt the summer flounder fishing from current federal fishery regulations.


The hearing can be viewed at:

**Other upcoming hearings of possible interest:**

- April 4, 2017 - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will hold an oversight hearing on the “Authorization of Coast Guard and other Maritime Transportation Programs” on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The hearing can be viewed at:

**Previous Hearings, Markups, or Meetings of Interest:**

- March 15, 2017 – House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held an oversight hearing titled “Examining the Creation and Management of Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries”. Link:
• February 7, 2017 – House Natural Resources Committee’s organizational meeting. Link to the meeting:
http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/default.aspx?Year=2017&Month=02&Earliest=2/7/2017

• 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-1B0C-4DA4-861A-607187402E38

• 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-A9B4-1025C364B3DF

**Other hearings (not directly related to fisheries) of possible interest:**

**Invasive Species:**

• The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing entitled, “Examining Innovative Solutions to Control Invasive Species and Promote Wildlife Conservation” on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

The hearing archive can be viewed at:

**Endangered Species Act:**

• The House Natural Resources Committee’s Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held an oversight hearing titled “ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development” on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The hearing archive can be viewed at:

• The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing titled “Oversight: Modernization of the Endangered Species Act” on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

The hearing archive can be viewed at:
**Appropriations Update:**

The Continuing Resolution, which became Public Law 114-254 on December 12, 2016, funds the Federal government through April 28, 2017.

The House Appropriations Committee announced “Member Day” hearings – which are opportunities for individual Members of the House to testify on programs within specific appropriation bills. The “Member Day” for the Commerce Subcommittee was held on February 28, 2017.

No other hearings related to appropriations for fisheries programs have been announced yet by the House or Senate Appropriations Committee.

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

**House Fisheries-Related Bills:**

**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. 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 purposes (Rep. Beutler, R-Washington). Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. *(Note: This is the bill to extend state jurisdiction over the Dungeness crab fishery.)* This legislation passed the House of Representatives on January 30, 2017 under Suspension of the Rules.

**H.R. 943**, the “Finding Innovative Lionfish Elimination Technologies Act of 2017”, (Rep. Curbelo, R-Florida), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to award competitive grants to combat the certain species of lionfish in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Introduced on February 23, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.
H.R. 1195, the “Local Fishing Access Act”, (Rep. Zeldin, R-New York), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to permit striped bass fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone transit zone between Montauk, New York, and Point Judith, Rhode Island, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 16, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1382, the “Give Our Fishermen Immediate Snapper Help Act” or the “GOFISH Act”, (Rep. Weber, R-Texas), to establish requirements and restrictions for the commercial, charter, and recreational red snapper fishing seasons in the Gulf of Mexico for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. Note: as noted above, a hearing on this legislation will be held on April 4, 2017 by the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

H.R. 1411, the “Transparent Summer Flounder Quotas Act”, (Rep. Pallone, D-New Jersey), to continue in effect for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons certain fishing specifications for the summer flounder fishery, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1456, the “Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017”, (Rep. Royce, R-California), to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Senate Fisheries-Related Bills:

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.) Note: as mentioned above, a markup of this legislation by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

S. 396, (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida) to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 15, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. (Note: this legislation would amend the Billfish Conservation Act of 2012 and the Shark Conservation Act of 2010.) Note: as mentioned above, a markup of this legislation by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Other House Bills of Interest:

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. 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. 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 predation at aquaculture facilities and protect public resources. Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 845, the “Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act” (Rep. Carbajal, D-California) provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities. Introduced on February 3, 2017 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 961, the “Ban Aquaculture in the Great Lakes Act” (Rep. Kildee, D-Michigan) to prohibit aquaculture in the Great Lakes. Introduced on February 7, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.

H.R. 1489, the “Marine Access and State Transparency” or the “MAST Act”, (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Other Senate Bills of Interest:

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.

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

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Members

The Committee has 27 Members - 14 Republicans and 13 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans
Sen. John Thune (R-South Dakota) – Chairman
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)
Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)
Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)
Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska)
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)
Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nevada)
Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)
Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)
Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia)
Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)
Sen. Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Democrats
Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Florida) – Ranking Member
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota)
Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)
Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)
Sen. Ed Markey (D-Massachusetts)
Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey)
Sen. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico)
Sen. Gary Peters (D-Michigan)
Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin)
Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois)
Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire)
Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nevada)

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

The Subcommittee has 15 Members - 8 Republicans and 7 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Chairman
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)
Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska)

Democrats
Gary Peters (D-Michigan) – Ranking Member
Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)
Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)
Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)
Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)
Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)
Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)
Sen. Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Brian Schatz (D- Hawaii)
Edward Markey (D- Massachusetts)
Cory Booker (D-New Jersey)
Tammy Baldwin (D- Wisconsin)

House Natural Resources Members – 115th Congress
The Committee membership consists of 43 Representatives –
25 Republicans and 18 Democrats
(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans
Rob Bishop (UT-01) – Chairman
Don Young (AK-at large)
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)
Doug Lamborn (CO-05)
Rob Wittman (VA-01)
Tom McClintock (CA-04)
Steve Pearce (NM-02)
Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (PA-05)
Paul Gosar (AZ-04)
Raul Labrador (ID-01)
Scott Tipton (CO-03)
Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)
Jeff Denham (CA-10)
Paul Cook (CA-08)
Bruce Westerman (AR-04)
Garret Graves (LA-06)
Jody Hice (GA-10)

Democrats
Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03) – Ranking Member
Grace Napolitano (CA-32)
Madeleine Bordallo (Guam, At-large)
Jim Costa (CA-16)
Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (CNMI, At-large)
Niki Tsongas (MA-05)
Jared Huffman (CA-02)
Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)
Don Beyer (VA-08)
Norma Torres (CA-35)
Ruben Gallego (AZ-07)
Jared Polis (CO-02)
WM. Lacy Clay, Jr. (Missouri-01)
Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01)
Nanette Barragán (CA-44)
Darren Soto (FL-09)
Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)
Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-at large)
Darin LaHood (IL-18)
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)
A. Donald McEachin (VA-04)
Anthony Brown (MD-04)

Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee
19 Members – 11 Republicans and 8 Democrats
(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans
Doug Lamborn (Colorado) – Chair
Rob Wittman (Virginia)
Tom McClintock (California)
Paul Gosar (Arizona)
Doug LaMalfa (California)
Jeff Denham (California)
Garret Graves (Louisiana)
Jody Hice (Georgia)
Daniel Webster (Florida)
David Rouzer (North Carolina)
Mike Johnson (Louisiana)
Rob Bishop (Utah) – Ex Officio

Democrats
Jared Huffman (California) – Ranking Member
Grace Napolitano (California)
Jim Costa (California)
Don Beyer (Virginia)
Nanette Barragan (California)
Jimmy Panetta (California)
Madeleine Bordallo (Guam)
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Senate Appropriations Committee – 115th Congress

16 Republicans and 15 Democrats

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Senate Appropriations Committee - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

9 Republicans and 8 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

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James Langford, Oklahoma  
John Kennedy, Louisiana  

Patrick Leahy, Vermont  
Dianne Feinstein, California  
Jack Reed, Rhode Island  
Christopher Coons, Delaware  
Brian Schatz, Hawaii  
Joe Manchin, West Virginia  
Chris Van Hollen, Maryland

House Appropriations Committee Members – 115th Congress

30 Republicans and 22 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans
Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, Chairman
Harold Rogers, Kentucky
Robert B. Aderholt, Alabama
Kay Granger, Texas
Michael K. Simpson, Idaho
John Abney Culberson, Texas
John R. Carter, Texas
Ken Calvert, California
Tom Cole, Oklahoma
Mario Diaz-Balart, Florida
Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania
Tom Graves, Georgia
Kevin Yoder, Kansas
Steve Womack, Arkansas

Democrats
Nita M. Lowey, New York, Ranking Member
Marcy Kaptur, Ohio
Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana
José E. Serrano, New York
Rosa L. DeLauro, Connecticut
David E. Price, North Carolina
Lucille Roybal-Allard, California
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Georgia
Barbara Lee, California
Betty McCollum, Minnesota
Tim Ryan, Ohio
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Maryland
Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida
Henry Cuellar, Texas
Jeff Fortenberry, Nebraska
Thomas J. Rooney, Florida
Charles J. Fleischmann, Tennessee
Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington
David P. Joyce, Ohio
David G. Valadao, California
Andy Harris, MD, Maryland
Martha Roby, Alabama
Mark E. Amodei, Nevada
Chris Stewart, Utah
David Young, Iowa
Evan H. Jenkins, West Virginia
Steven Palazzo, Mississippi
Dan Newhouse, Washington
John R. Moolenaar, Michigan
Scott Taylor, Virginia

Chellie Pingree, Maine
Mike Quigley, Illinois
Derek Kilmer, Washington
Matt Cartwright, Pennsylvania
Grace Meng, New York
Mark Pocan, Wisconsin
Katherine M. Clark, Massachusetts
Pete Aguilar, California

House Appropriations Committee - Commerce Subcommittee Members

Republicans and 4 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans
John Culberson, Texas, Chairman
Hal Rogers, Kentucky
Robert Aderholt, Alabama
John Carter, Texas
Martha Roby, Alabama
Steven Palazzo, Mississippi
Evan Jenkins, West Virginia

Democrats
José Serrano, New York, Ranking Member
Derek Kilmer, Washington
Matt Cartwright, Pennsylvania
Grace Meng, New York