

TOPIC OVERVIEW

CCC MEETING

May 23, 2018

Topic #1: Legislative Update – Dave Whaley will brief the CCC on the current status of Reauthorization and other legislation.

Background – The April Congressional Activities Report is included (**Attachment 1**). Letters and testimony from Councils is available from the U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils' (RFMCs') Website (<http://www.fisherycouncils.org>).

NMFS Action: Provide any input and give a status report on any administration positions on Reauthorization/Legislation.

CCC Action: The CCC will discuss and determine if there is any further work the CCC, individual Councils, or the CCC Legislative Committee can do on Reauthorization or other legislation.

Topic #2: CCC Legislative Committee Report – the purpose of this topic is to brief the CCC on the current status of work by the Legislative Committee and have the CCC review/approve a letter to Congressman Young and additional topics for the CCC Working Paper.

Background – The Legislative Committee was asked to develop draft comments on items in H.R. 200 that are not addressed by the current working paper and to prepare additional topics for inclusion in the working paper. The Legislative Committee met via conference call on April 25, 2018 (report included as **Attachment 2**) and developed a draft letter (**Attachment 3**). The Legislative Committee also developed draft text for 4 new topics for the working paper (Cooperative Research, Cooperative Data Collection, Mixed-Use Fisheries LAPP Moratorium, and Aquaculture) (**Attachment 4**). The Western Pacific Council has changed their Regional Perspective on Topic 10. The CCC approved the latest version of the Working Paper dated November 14, 2017 (**Attachment 5**). This document was posted to the U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils Website (<http://www.fisherycouncils.org>) after it was sent to the Secretary of Commerce.

Note: The CCC intends to continue using the working paper as a source document when the CCC is responding to a request for comments. The lead Council will draft a response for review by the other Councils. The working paper can also be attached to a comment letter to provide more details. The regional perspectives and examples are an excellent way to describe how requirements could affect Councils differentially. New topics will be added as they are identified. The working paper will be updated as needed and will be used to inform individuals new to the Council process. Individual Councils are responsible for their regional perspective and should provide updates to the lead Council in any year. The lead Council will be responsible for updating the Working Paper. Lead

Councils by year are NPFMC (2018), SAFMC (2019), WPFMC (2020), MAFMC (2021), and GMFMC (2022).

NMFS Action: Provide any input and give a status report on any administration positions on these topics.

CCC Action: The CCC will:

1. Review, modify, and approve the draft letter to Congressman Young
2. Review, modify, and approve the new topics for the CCC Working Paper
3. Determine if there is any further work the CCC Legislative Committee can do on the CCC Working Paper or any other task(s).