

# MANAGING *Our Nation's* FISHERIES II

## *Focus on the future*

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## SPEAKERS

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

**Paul Howard** is a former United States Coast Guard officer and is currently Executive Director of the New England Fishery Management Council. Captain Howard is a native of Winthrop, Massachusetts. He is a 1972 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Captain Howard also attended graduate school at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. Captain Howard's assignments ashore have been in Port Safety, Training, and Law Enforcement. They include: Port Safety Officer in New York, NY, Port Safety Industry Training at Massachusetts Port Authority, Chief of the Port Safety Branch in Boston, MA, Planning Officer and Head JV Football Coach at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, Chief of Training Policy and Assessment Branch at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and Chief of the Coast Guard Law Enforcement Branch in Boston

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Senator Ted Stevens, Alaska (invited)** - A member of the Senate for 36 years, Ted Stevens is the most senior Republican Senator. Stevens is the co-author of the governing law for managing fisheries in the U.S., the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), which was renamed in his honor in 1996. Senator Stevens holds the position of Senate President Pro Tempore, is member of the Appropriations Committee, and is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Following his service as a pilot in WWII, Stevens graduated from UCLA and Harvard Law School, and practiced law in Washington, DC and Alaska.

**Dr. William T. Hogarth** - Bill Hogarth is the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries). As Assistant Administrator, he is responsible for overseeing the management and conservation of marine fisheries and the protection of marine mammals, sea turtles and coastal fisheries habitat within the United States exclusive economic zone. Prior to joining NOAA, Dr. Hogarth was the Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, a position he held from 1986 to 1994. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Richmond and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University.

**Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez** - Carlos M. Gutierrez was sworn into office on February 7, 2005, as 35th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The former chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Kellogg Company, Secretary Gutierrez oversees a diverse Cabinet agency with some 38,000 workers and a \$6.5 billion budget focused on promoting American business at home and abroad. Secretary Gutierrez studied business administration at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Queretaro, Mexico.

**Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.** - Retired Navy Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, Ph.D. is serving as the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and is also the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator. VADM Lautenbacher has directed an internal review and reorganization of the NOAA corporate structure to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century. He holds an MS and Ph.D. from Harvard University in applied mathematics, and served in the U.S. Navy for 40 years.

**Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, Maryland** - Congressman Gilchrest serves as the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans. In the 107th Congress, he introduced H.R. 4749, a comprehensive MSA reauthorization bill, that included requirements for pilot ecosystem-based fishery management plans (one for each coast), criteria for IFQ programs, a prohibition on the sale of recreationally caught fish, and bycatch mortality reduction research. Congressman Gilchrest served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marines, holds a bachelor's degree in history from Delaware State College, and was a high school teacher prior to running for Congress.

**Senator Olympia J. Snowe, Maine (invited)** - A member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, Senator Snowe is the Chair of its Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere and Fisheries. In the 108th Congress, Senator Snowe introduced S. 2066, which would reauthorize MSA with changes to the definition of overfishing and associated rebuilding requirements, criteria for IFQ programs, establishment of a national cooperative research program, an increase in funding, and a requirement that councils develop at least one Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

**Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii (invited)** - Senator Inouye is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and co-chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, as well as a member of the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere and Fisheries. Senator Inouye has long been supporter of the regional council process, and has been a strong advocate of fishermen in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands region. Senator Inouye served in the U.S. Army during WWII, receiving the Medal of Honor (the highest award for military valor), Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster and 12 other medals and citations.