

**DRAFT**  
**MEETING REPORT**  
**CCC Legislative Committee (LC) Conference Call**  
**April 25, 2018**

**Workgroup Members:**

Gregg Waugh (SAFMC), Chair  
Jessica McCawley (SAFMC) – not on call; provided input  
Terry Stockwell (NEFMC)  
Kitty Simonds (WPFMC) – not on call  
John Gourley (WPFMC)  
Dan Hull (NPFMC)  
Doug Gregory/Carrie Simmons (GMFMC)  
John Sanchez (GMFMC) – not on call; provided input  
David Crabbe (PFMC)  
Mary Clark Sabo (MAFMC)  
Carlos Farchette (CFMC)  
David Whaley (Ex Officio Member)

**Others on Call:**

Joshua Demello (WPFMC)  
Mark Mitsuyasu (WPFMC)  
Asuka Ishizaki (WPFMC)

**Agenda Items:** The suggested approach was to review

1. Draft CCC Letter to Congressman Young – the LC reviewed the draft letter that incorporated input from the PFMC (**Attachment 1**). LC members made suggestions on the various provisions and the agreed to changes are shown in “Track Changes” as **Attachment 2**. A clean version is included as **Attachment 3**. The PFMC expressed some concern about including statements that do not have CCC consensus. It was pointed out that the letter will be reviewed at the May CCC meeting and, if approved, the comments would be consensus statements. The LC agreed to reword those items so that it does not say “While the CC has not formed a consensus statement.....” The LC discussed Alternative Fishery Management Measures and the feeling by some that this would remove recreational ACLs versus provide more flexibility. Section 303 – Flexibility in Rebuilding Fish Stocks - garnered a lot of discussion and a new section from the PFMC. The LC discussed Section 307 addresses other applicable laws like ESA, MMPA, and the Antiquities Act, and developed some additional language/examples.

**Timing:** It was agreed that individuals would get their additional language to Gregg by 4/30/18: (a) WPFMC – example of issue with MMPA implementation and (b) Dan Hull – revision to bullet on last page. Gregg would add the comments and distribute a revised letter by 5/1/18. Comments would be provided back to Gregg by 5/4/18. Gregg will provide to Brian Fredieu for the CCC briefing book by 5/9/18.

2. Develop individual Council and draft consensus positions (for review at May CCC meeting) on items in HR 2000 that are not addressed in the CCC Working Paper:
  - a. Cooperative Research
  - b. Cooperative Data Collection
  - c. Mixed-Use Fisheries LAPP Moratorium
3. Develop individual Council and draft consensus positions (for review at May CCC meeting) on Aquaculture

The LC discussed the items under #2 and #3 together using a draft document with proposed additions to the CCC Working Paper. Mary asked about the reference to a specific bill and Gregg noted that those references were temporary to orient folks to where the text was in the bill and would ultimately be removed to meet Mary's suggestion that the working paper continue to not mention specific legislation. Mary asked if the proposed topic 17: Cooperative Data Collection could be combined with some of the topics currently in the Working Paper. Dan suggested that it stay as a separate topic since this topic is specifically mentioned in legislation.

**Timing:** The LC agreed to the following timeline:

- a. Regional Perspectives from the Councils that want to comment to Gregg by COB 4/30/18.
  - b. Gregg will combine into 1 document and draft consensus statements; distribute to LC by 5/2/18.
  - c. LC comments back to Gregg by 5/5/18.
  - d. Gregg to provide material to Brian for CCC Briefing Book by 5/9/18.
4. S 1520 as amended by Senator Wicker – Mary raised this issue because their staff had some concerns about the potential impact if the Secretary determines a particular species is not making adequate progress in rebuilding, then new regulations would need to have a minimum of a 75% chance of rebuilding versus the current minimum of 50%. Further, that it appears that if the ACL is exceeded in one year, the Secretary could conduct a review and determine that new regulations would need to have at least a 75% chance of rebuilding. A number of the Councils have not looked at this proposed change yet. Doug expressed concern that this could be very onerous and could trigger a total closure for some species. Gregg agreed that this could affect a number of species that are not making progress in rebuilding (e.g., red porgy, red grouper). The LC agreed that this was an important issue and they would each review the potential impacts so that the Councils would be ready to respond if requested to comment.
  5. Next Conference Call – it was agreed to schedule another call prior to the May 22-24, 2018 CCC meeting to address any issues that may develop (e.g., other MSA bills, Aquaculture Bill, etc.). Gregg will send out a doodle poll to find a date/time that works.

6. Other Business – Dan reminded the group that we need to elect/appoint a Vice-Chair for the Legislative Committee. Gregg has agreed to continue as Chair through the rest of 2018 but given the SAFMC will be the host Council during 2019, he will have to step down as Chair of the LC at the end of 2018. The intent would be to have a Vice-Chair identified by or at the May CCC meeting and they would help during 2018, then move up to Chair in 2019.