

Reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

- (1) Senate MSA Bill (S. 2012)
- (2) House (Pombo) MSA Bill (H.R. 5018)
- (3) House (Gilchrest) MSA Bill (H.R. 5051)
- (4) House (Frank) MSA Bill (H.R. 4940)

Major Themes and Issues:

- A. Harvest Limits and Rebuilding
 - Hard TACs and Paybacks
 - Rebuilding timeframes
 - “diminished” fisheries and status of stocks
 - Role of Scientific and Statistical Committee

- B. Compliance with NEPA
 - revision and updating of procedures
 - consideration of alternatives

- C. Habitats and Ecosystems
 - ecosystem research
 - habitat restoration and HAPCs
 - fishery ecosystem plans
 - sanctuaries and deep sea corals

- D. Limited Access Privileges
 - IFQs, communities and regional fishery associations
 - cost recovery

- E. Bycatch
 - research
 - incentives
 - definition

- F. Disaster/Hurricane Assistance
 - revision to MSA section 312(a)
 - GOM and shrimp/oyster initiatives

- G. Harvest Capacity
 - streamlined MSA section 312(b-e)
 - overcapitalization/excess capacity report

- H. Information
 - proprietary information
 - unique permit identifier
 - saltwater recreational registry