



## STATEMENT

### **Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act**

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, Transportation  
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  
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Chairman Sullivan and Ranking Member Peters:

On behalf of the members of IOSTIA, I'd like to thank you for holding such a substantive and serious series of hearings on the issue of marine fisheries management and specifically the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The need for updates to the Magnuson-Stevens Act is abundantly clear, and we have confidence that the committee will move forward in a considered and informed manner to fashion a reauthorization that suits 2018 and beyond.

If you ask 10 random people if they have ever heard of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, one might say yes, but most won't, yet it is a very relevant and consequential law.

The law speaks to so many industries, companies, organizations and people from fisheries and aquaculture, to life sciences and food supply, to sport fishing, commercial fishing, boating and many others.

And as each decade passes, and fisheries and aquaculture, specifically, become a greater part of our lives, the need to keep the Magnuson-Stevens Act current becomes more important.

IOSTIA applauds your leadership and the committee's time in carefully studying and considering the many issues associated with this involved and tedious subject, and specifically how the Magnuson-Stevens Act, going forward, will affect lives, jobs, industries, and communities.

As Congress proceeds on the Magnuson-Stevens Act, IOSTIA member companies and organizations stand ready to be of assistance to your committee on this important issue.

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