

**Administrative/Budget Committee Report**  
**June 5, 2017**

**Leann Bosarge – Council Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda and minutes of the April 2017 Administrative/Budget Committee meeting as written.

**Agenda Item IV:** Approval of Final 2017 Budget Funding

The Committee was unable to review the final 2017 Council budget because we have not been provided our total 2017 funding level by NMFS due to delays in passing the federal budget. The Council needs to approve our final 2017 budget once we obtain the actual funding level from NMFS therefore we will bring the final 2017 budget to the Council in August for approval.

**Agenda Item V:** Review of H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 Potential Impacts (Tab G, No. 5)

House Resolutions 200 and 2023 have been introduced into committee and a number of the sections are directly pertinent to the Gulf of Mexico. NOAA General Counsel has advised the Councils they could no longer indicate to Congress preferences for particular sections of a bill unless specifically requested to do so by Congress; but rather, in providing general input we should only comment on the potential impacts of proposed legislation.

Staff reviewed summaries of potential impacts of each section of the bills that were not discussed in April, including a number of sections directly related to the Gulf of Mexico. The Committee provided suggested revisions to a few of the sections. These potential impact analyses will be used as the basis for providing written or verbal testimony on these bills if requested by either the Council Coordinating Committee or Congress.

No motions were made in Committee and there was no other business to come before the Committee.

This concludes our Committee report.