

D2 E.O.13921 PROMOTING AMERICAN SEAFOOD

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MAJOR COMPONENTS OF E.O. 13921

1. Reduce regulatory burden and increase production
2. Combat IUU fishing (including implementing the Port State Measures Agreement)
3. Promote aquaculture and streamline permitting (w/ NOAA as lead agency) and identify aquaculture opportunity areas
4. Establish a national Seafood Trade Task Force to improve access to foreign markets



E.O REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNCILS

- By **November 2**, Councils are required to submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on fishing and (or) increase production (including efficiency, value, etc.).
 - NMFS HQ noted that Councils could take a very broad approach to developing recommendations, and prioritize the recommendations (in priority order, or with a high, medium, and low ranking)
- By **May 7, 2021**, Councils must develop a proposal for initiating each recommended action.



SOME TYPES OF PRIORITY ACTIONS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED (MY EXAMPLES)

- **Normal Council regulatory actions** (e.g., some actions listed in the 3-meeting outlook)
- **Non-Regulatory actions** (e.g., investment in research surveys, stock assessments, EM and observers; increasing seafood consumption through marketing investments, etc.)
- **NOAA Guidance Documents** (e.g., Allocation Reviews, SOPP Approval process)
- **Other types of actions**



LETTER TO NMFS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2

Following the Councils direction on identifying and prioritizing actions to meet the E.O., I will prepare a letter to NMFS HQ that includes a table with all the information requested by NMFS:

- Classify the recommended action(s) type as a Regulation, Order, Guidance, etc.
- Identify the relevant regulation (50 CFR) to be changed, if applicable
- Describe the recommended action, including issues addressed
- Explain how the recommended action(s) reduces burdens on domestic fishing and/or increases production within sustainable fisheries
- Outline a proposal for initiating each recommended action, including the current status of discussions, steps to be taken, expected timeline for Council discussion and decisions

