

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) OFFICE OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT (OLE) STRATEGIC REVIEW

NMFS OLE is conducting a 5-year strategic review of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's enforcement priorities. Under the calendar for that process there is a public comment period from June 1 through July 15, 2017, that the Council is invited to participate in (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1). This priority-setting process is used to focus the limited resources of OLE and its state and Federal enforcement partners on the most critical enforcement challenges.

The current priorities list (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2) was developed taking into account feedback from a 2013 stakeholder review. The letter provided by the Council at that time is provided as Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3. OLE will post the draft National Priorities for 2018-2022 on the OLE website from June 1 to July 15, 2017 (Supplemental Attachment 4). Once posted, comments can be provided through direct communication with the West Coast Division (WCD) and OLE, and members of the public will have the opportunity for input via an email mailbox posted on the OLE website for a period of 30 days.

The WCD of OLE is considering a change to the ways it lists priorities, modifying the current categorization by statutes, and high, medium, and low priorities. The categories it is considering are: Sanctuary Protections, Sustainable Fisheries, Protected Resources, Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing, Wildlife Trafficking, and Seafood Fraud. It is also hoping to develop more operational-level actionable priorities, as compared to the current strategic-level priorities that were not necessarily specific, and more or less, represented a list of requirements rather than a short list of top priorities. It has requested that the Council list its priority recommendations in order of highest to lowest.

Council Action:

Provide recommendations on NMFS OLE enforcement priorities.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1: NOAA Fisheries Office Of Law Enforcement Priority Setting Standards 2017 and Beyond.
2. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2: NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement National and Division Enforcement Priorities for 2012-2017.
3. Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3: Letter from Dr. Donald McIsaac to Mr. William Giles and Ms. Martina Sagapolu, November 20, 2013.
4. *Agenda Item I.1, Supplemental Attachment 4: Draft National Priorities: 2018-2022.*

Agenda Order:

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of
Law Enforcement (OLE) Strategic Review Jim Seger
- a. NMFS OLE Report
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on NMFS OLE Enforcement
Priorities

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