

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Enforcement (EC) has reviewed Agenda Item F.1.b and also received an overview of NMFS Office of Law Enforcement's (OLE) 2013 Regional Priorities from Acting Special Agents in Charge William Giles and Martina Sagapolu. The EC appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on these regional priorities as they guide enforcement efforts. The states also utilize the regional priorities to assist in establishing state specific joint enforcement agreements (JEA) priorities each year. Regional priorities have not changed since set through the comment process started in 2011. The EC recommends the Council submit the same comments outlined in the December 14, 2011 Council letter, with one exception: remove from the letter the comments on page two and three related to the potential implementation of an OLE uniformed enforcement officer field force. As the Council is aware, the uniformed enforcement officer program has since been implemented, with officers stationed in West Coast states. As a result, these comments are no longer applicable.

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