

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT
ON ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING

Presidential Task Force on Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Seafood Fraud - Species at Risk of IUU fishing and Seafood Fraud

On October 30, 2015, the National Ocean Council Committee on IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud published the final list of principles for determining species at risk of IUU fishing and seafood fraud, and the resulting list of at-risk seafood species ([80 FR 66867](#)).¹ These lists are the product of many public comment opportunities, from which comments were received from domestic and international stakeholders.

The species determined to be at-risk will be the focus of a risk-based seafood traceability program under Recommendations 14 and 15 of the [Action Plan](#).² The list of at-risk species represents approximately 40% of the value of seafood that enters into U.S. commerce through imports and landings from our domestic fleet. These species will be included in the first phase of a traceability program with the goal to eventually expand to include all seafood species. The next step, as outlined in the Action Plan, includes the development of a seafood traceability program that will be established through notice and comment rulemaking later this year. More information on the traceability program, as well as list of species at risk of IUU fishing and seafood fraud may be found on the [initiative website](#).³

¹ <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/10/30/2015-27780/presidential-task-force-on-combating-illegal-unreported-and-unregulated-iuu-fishing-and-seafood>

² http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ia/iuu/noaa_taskforce_report_final.pdf

³ <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ia/iuu/taskforce.html>