

## REDUCING REGULATION AND CONTROLLING REGULATORY COSTS

On January 30, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed [Executive Order 13771–Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs](#) with the following stated purpose:

*It is the policy of the executive branch to be prudent and financially responsible in the expenditure of funds, from both public and private sources. In addition to the management of the direct expenditure of taxpayer dollars through the budgeting process, it is essential to manage the costs associated with the governmental imposition of private expenditures required to comply with Federal regulations. Toward that end, it is important that for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations be identified for elimination, and that the cost of planned regulations be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process.*

In response, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Ocean Service published a joint request for public comment in the Federal Register that broadly solicited public input on identifying existing regulations and processes that, among other things, may be outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, and/or can be further streamlined. [Council specific comments](#) were conveyed to the eight regional fishery management councils in November 2017 by Mr. Alan Risenhoover, Director of the NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, with a request for the regional fishery management council's to consider the public comments and to conduct a similar regulatory review by July 2, 2018.

Pacific Fishery Management Council staff and staff of the NMFS West Coast Regional Office created review teams organized by Fishery Management Plan to comb through West Coast ocean fishing regulations, also with an eye for regulations that may be outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, and/or can be further streamlined. Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1 is the resulting list of potential regulatory items for review and consideration under Executive Order 13771. The Council is tasked with reviewing the list and adopting final recommendations to NMFS.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Review the list of regulations proposed for potential elimination and adopt final recommendations to be sent to NMFS by the July 2, 2018 deadline.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1: West Coast Region and Pacific Fishery Management Council - Regulations Identified for Review.

### **Agenda Order:**

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| C.5 Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs                              | Mike Burner |
| a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies                    |             |
| b. Public Comment   |             |
| c. <b>Council Action:</b> Adopt Final Recommendations for Potential Regulatory Reform |             |