

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13921: PROMOTING AMERICAN SEAFOOD COMPETITIVENESS
AND ECONOMIC GROWTH – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 7, 2020, Executive Order (EO) 13921, Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, was published in the *Federal Register* (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1). Section 4 of this EO requires that each Council submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries. A summary is provided as Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2. On May, 19, 2020, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sent a letter requesting a Council response to the EO (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 3). The NMFS letter was provided to the Council as part of the Executive Director report at the June Council Meeting. NMFS has also provided a guidance document for the development of recommendations (Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 4). This document requests that for each recommended item, the Council provide:

1. Priority Number
2. Action type (e.g. Changes to Regulations, Orders, Guidance Documents, Other Similar Agency Actions)
3. Relevant CFR Citation under Title 50 (if applicable)
4. Description of recommended action(s)
5. Rationale of how the recommended action(s) reduces burdens on domestic fishing and increases production within sustainable fisheries
6. Proposal for initiating each recommended action(s) within 1 year of the date of this order.

The guidance document was accompanied by a template that provided examples of the form and level of detail for responses (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 5). Briefings on the EO and Council task were provided to Council advisory body leadership on July 28 and 30 and the issue has been placed on advisory body agendas. Advisory body reports are expected to include recommendations responsive to the EO for Council consideration. Council recommendations must be finalized at this meeting in order to meet a November 2, 2020 deadline for responses.

Council Action:

Adopt Final Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1: E.O. Federal Register Notice; Executive Order 13921 of May 7, 2020: Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth.
2. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2: Summary of E.O. 13921
3. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 3: Letter from Chris Oliver to the Regional Fishery Management Councils requesting that each Council respond to Section 4 of EO 13921.
4. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 4: Guidance for Councils Response to E.O. 13921 Section 4.
5. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 5: NMFS EO 13921 Recommended Action Template.
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.2 Executive Order 13921: Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth – Final Recommendations Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service

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