



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

May 6, 2025

Dear Executive Directors,

On April 17, 2025, the President signed [Executive Order 14276 Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness](#). EO 14276 is similar to the previous EO 13921 *Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth*, which the Councils responded to by providing a ‘prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries’ in November 2020. We are requesting information from you to comply with EO 14276.

Section 4(a)(i) of EO 14276 includes the following specific language pertaining to the Regional Fishery Management Councils:

- (i) The Secretary of Commerce shall request that each Regional Fishery Management Council, within 180 days of the date of this order, provide the Secretary of Commerce with updates to their recommendations submitted pursuant to Executive Order 13921, to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production. Building upon the earlier goals, identified actions should stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closures. The Regional Fishery Management Councils will commit to a work plan and a schedule for implementation to ensure these actions are prioritized.

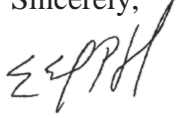
The Office of Sustainable Fisheries (OSF) will be collecting each Councils’ updated recommendations pursuant to Section 4(a)(i). Please use the attached template to submit your recommendations. If needed, OSF is happy to provide each Council a copy of its initial recommendations under EO 13921, upon request. We encourage coordination with your respective NOAA Fisheries Regional Office to align such recommendations and associated actions with other EO implementation efforts (e.g., EO 14192). In order to comply with the 180 day timeline set forth in Section 4(a)(i), the deadline for submitting updated recommendations will be September 1, 2025.

We plan to issue a *Federal Register* notice soliciting public comments responsive to four additional sections of EO 14276 (Section 4(a); 4(a)(ii); 4(a)(iii); and 4(c)) within the next 30 days. While we do not anticipate a protracted comment period, we highly value the input of the Councils and encourage the Councils to comment on the notice to the extent possible within the timeframe. Given our direct engagement with the Councils per Section 4(a)(i), we will provide an update on the public comments NMFS receives to inform our collective efforts to implement the EO.



We will be prepared to provide additional information at the upcoming Council Coordination Committee meeting. If you have any questions on this request, please contact Kelly Denit, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, at (301) 427-8517 or kelly.denit@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Pineiro-Soler', written in a cursive style.

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