

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Under Agenda Item D.1, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduled to receive a presentation from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on Executive Order (EO) 14276, Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1), and other administration updates. Section 4 of the EO requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production of sustainable fisheries. Building upon EO 13921 from 2020, Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2), EO 14276 specifies that identified actions should stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closures. NMFS has requested the Council prepare a response to the EO by September 1, 2025 using the NMFS template necessary to meet the EO deadline of October 14, 2025 (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 4). However, at the Council Coordination Committee meeting, NMFS leadership indicated flexibility with the September 1 deadline, while indicating that flexibility did not exist with the EO deadline of October 14th.

Under Agenda Item D.2, the Council is expected to identify actions that support the EO 14276 goals. Items previously prioritized are listed in the *Year at a Glance* (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1, June 2025), the groundfish workload and management measures priorities adopted in March 2025 ([Table A](#)), and coastal pelagic species (CPS) science and management priorities adopted in April 2025 (bottom of the [CPS Fact Sheet](#)).

Identifying appropriate tasks and their priority may be best enabled through the development of criteria that aligns with the EO, and the application of said criteria to Council priorities. The Council is also expected to recommend a desired timeline for implementation.

To meet the deadline for EO responses, the Executive Director proposes the following approach:

- At the June 2025 Council meeting, the Council should identify actions that meet the intent of the EO (these actions may be new, planned, or ongoing) and provide any relevant guidance on the factors to consider when identifying priorities.
- Over the summer, refine and apply criteria to the identified Council actions to determine their alignment with the EO and the prioritization thereof.
- Coordinate with NMFS West Coast Region and Science Centers to align resources necessary to achieve the Council's priorities. Additionally, the Executive Director will coordinate with the Region to align the recommendations with other EO implementation efforts (e.g., EO 14192).
- Finalize recommendations and response at the September Council meeting.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Identify the actions that meet the EO goals.**
- 2. Provide guidance on the factors to consider when identifying priorities.**
- 3. Provide guidance on the process to respond to the EO.**

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- D.2 Council Response to Executive Orders and Administration Updates Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Identify Actions; Provide Guidance on Prioritization Factors and Process, As Appropriate

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