

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Aquaculture Aspects of Executive Order 13921

Timeline Status: Presentation

Council input and next steps: Dr. Beck and Dr. Riley (NMFS Office of Aquaculture) will give a presentation on the aquaculture aspects of Executive Order 13921 including the role of aquaculture in promoting American seafood competitiveness and economic growth. The Committee may ask questions and discuss the material presented.

Agenda Item V: Recommendations on Executive Order 13921

Timeline Status: Presentation and Feedback

Council input and next steps: In response to Executive Order 13921, the Council has been asked to submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries. Staff will present suggestions previously made by Council members and will summarize stakeholder suggestions collected via the *Something Fishy* portal. The Committee should discuss the suggestions and provide additional recommendations, as appropriate. The Committee should advise staff on the recommendations they want to include, which will need to be prioritized before submitting to the Office of Sustainable Fisheries by November 2, 2020.

Agenda Item VI: Draft Letter on RESTAURANTS Act of 2020 (S.4012)

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff members for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation contacted Dr. Frazer, as Gulf Council chair, and the other Regional Fishery Management Councils to request comments on the RESTAURANTS Act of 2020. Council staff will present a draft response letter on the RESTAURANTS Act of 2020, which details the impacts of COVID-19 on the Gulf commercial fishing industry and linkages to the restaurant industry. The Committee should discuss the letter and provide recommendations on the letter to staff. Committee recommendations will be incorporated into the letter before being transmitted to Senator Wicker's office.

Agenda Item VII: Presentation on Depredation by Marine Mammals

Timeline Status: Presentation

Council Input and Next Steps: NMFS staff, Ms. Laura Engleby and Ms. Kristy Long, will give a presentation on marine mammal interactions with fishing gear in the Gulf of Mexico, and NMFS role in the process. In addition, the presentation will include the proposed rule containing national guidelines for safety deterring marine mammals, which is currently accepting public comment. The published guidelines will provide options for fishermen to safely deter a marine mammal from their fishing, catch, and private property. The Committee may ask questions and direct staff to write a comment letter, if desired.

Agenda Item VIII: Public Hearing Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

Timeline Status: Public Hearing Draft

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present a revised public hearing draft. The Committee should review the preferred alternatives in Actions 1-3 and may select preferred alternatives in Action 4. If the Committee agrees with sending the document to the public for review, staff plans to hold a webinar public hearing. The Committee should provide any other feedback, as warranted.

Agenda Item XI: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.
