

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Aquaculture Aspects of Executive Order 13921

**Timeline Status:** Presentation

**Council input and next steps:** Ms. Blacklock (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.

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**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 actions they want to include, which will need to be prioritized before submitting to the Office of Sustainable Fisheries by November 2, 2020.

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**Agenda Item VI:** 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.

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**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 forthcoming proposed rule containing national guidelines for safely deterring marine mammals, which is currently under agency review. The published guidelines will provide options for fishermen to safely deter a marine mammal from their fishing, catch, and private property. Committee may ask questions and provide feedback as needed.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** 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.

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