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Dear Council Executive Directors,

Thank you for your continued partnership and initial recommendations and action plans regarding Executive Order 14276, "Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness." The extended public comment period closed yesterday and so, I am writing to outline our planned process for integrating this extensive public input into our collective work plans.

Our goal is to efficiently incorporate public input into Council processes to identify the most important actions for implementation. The key upcoming steps and dates for the Councils are as follows:

- By Early January 2026, NMFS will share the public comments with you. At that time, we will request that you review these comments and update your initial recommendations and action plans, as needed.
- Also in January 2026, we plan to present a summary of the public comments and begin discussing the prioritization of actions with you.
- Following your review of public comment, if any revisions to your recommendations or action plan are needed, we will request you provide those revised documents in Early Spring 2026. If no changes are necessary following your review of the public comments we will ask you to notify us of that.

Concurrently, NMFS will be reviewing the comments received and working internally to identify and prioritize non-Council related actions (e.g., seafood strategy, trade-related, aquaculture, etc.) by Spring 2026.

I look forward to discussing these priorities further in January.

Sincerely,
Genio