Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and **Economic Growth**

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Main Provisions

- "...prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries, including a proposal for initiating each recommended action within 1 year of the date of this order."
- Regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions
- Must comply with applicable law.
- Aquaculture provisions as well NMFS lead



Didn't we do this before?

 2017: Identify regulations that are unnecessary, outdated, or ineffective

• 2020: Reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries



Next Steps

- "Initiate" by may 2021 not implement
- "within existing appropriations" means no new resources for the Councils or the agency
- Committees/APs identify ideas
- Consider as part of priorities process; will require expediting process to meet deadline



Questions?

