



Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth

Gulf Council Approach



Introduced E.O. to Gulf Council

June 2020 Council Meeting

- Introduced letter and request for all Regional Councils to submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries.
- Received initial feedback/suggestions from a Council member



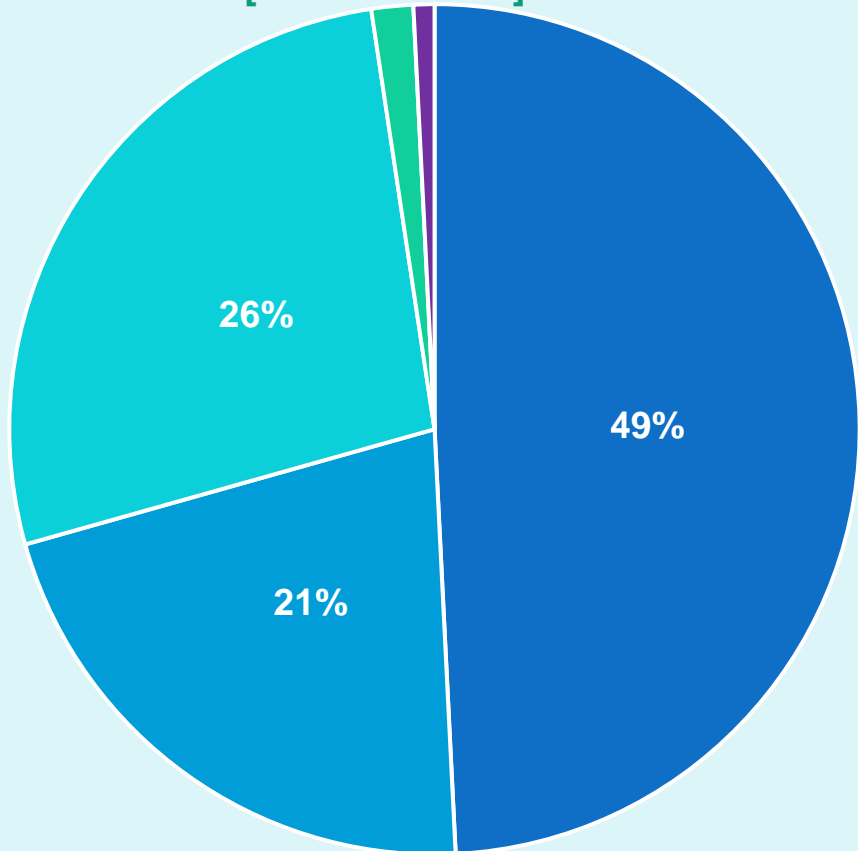
Public Input: Google Forms

Guided public comment:

- Self-identify association with fishery
- “Are there any current regulations that may be outdated or unnecessarily burdensome to fishermen? Please explain why they create a problem and suggest actions the Council could consider to remedy the issue.”
- “Are there any other changes to Council guidance documents or procedures that could alleviate barriers to domestic fishing? Please explain the issue and suggest actions the Council could consider to remedy the problem.

Public Input: Respondents

Response By Sector
[PERCENTAGE]



■ Private Recreational ■ Federal For-Hire ■ Commercial
■ Seafood Dealer ■ Other

93 Comments Received

- Respondents were not limited to a single association (n=126)
 - 33 Commercial
 - 27 For-Hire
 - 62 Private
 - 4 Other



Next Steps

September Council Meeting

- Staff will present summarized public input
- Council will discuss initial suggestions and provide feedback
- Continue to receive public comments

October Council Meeting

- Council will continue to discuss, add or delete, prioritize, and finalize suggestions
- Council will submit a letter



Questions?

