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Aquaculture Update

Council Coordination Committee

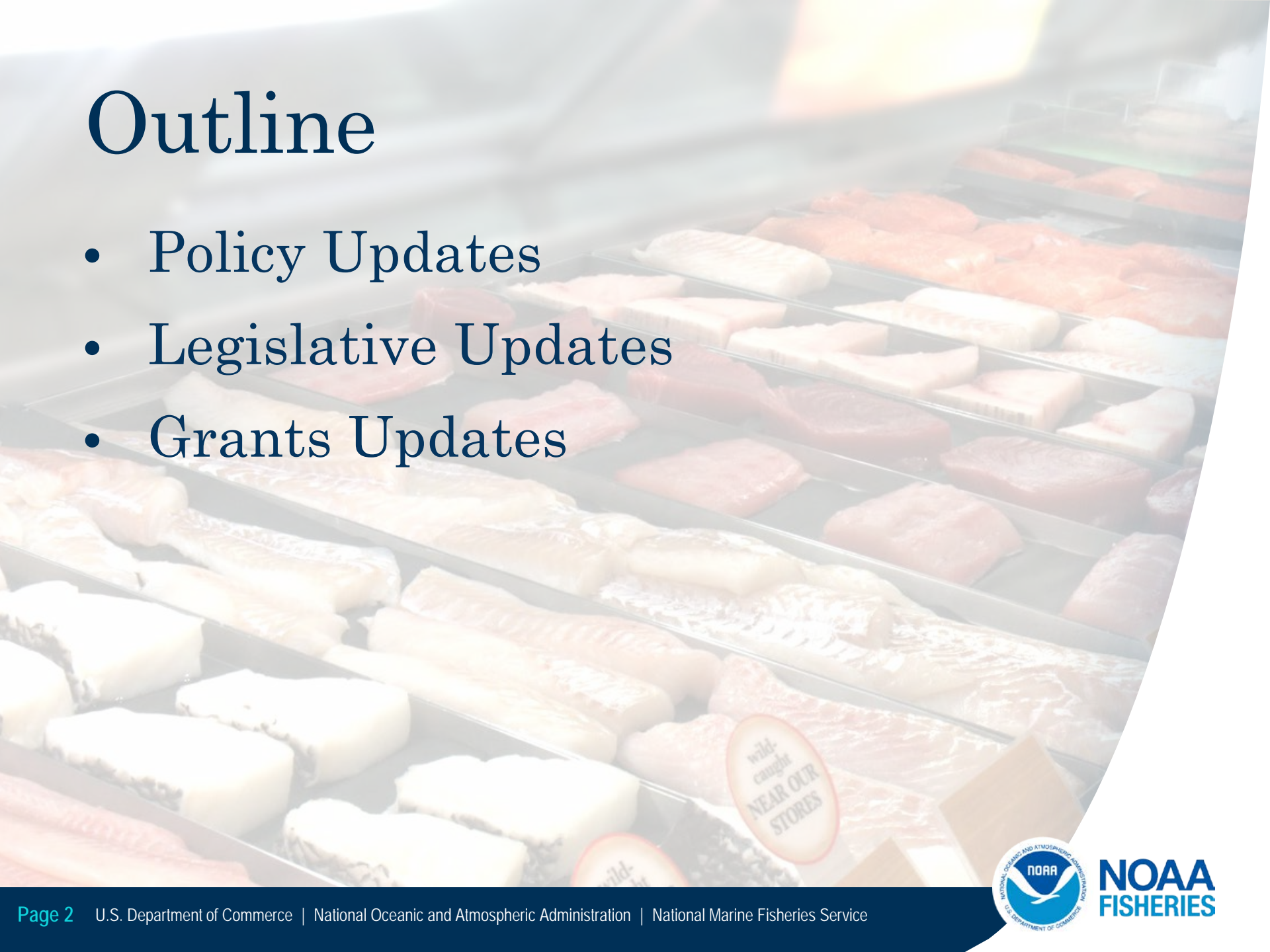
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Outline

- Policy Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Grants Updates



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National Science & Technology Council (NSTC): Subcommittee on Aquaculture (SCA)

Task Force Strategic Plans

- Science Planning Task Force
- Regulatory Task Force
- Draft Plans out for public comment this winter, including at Aquaculture America (Feb. 2020)

National Science & Technology Council (NSTC): Subcommittee on Aquaculture (SCA)

Revised SCA Work Plan

- Will strategically guide committee next 2-3 years
- Implements strategic plans
- Expect focus on economic development

A draft outline of the Regulatory Task Force Plan is available here –

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/SCA/taskforce.html>

Comment period closes November 8, 2019



Draft Outline of the Regulatory Work Plan

Three main goals

- Goal 1 - Improve the Efficiency and Predictability of Aquaculture Permitting in State and Federal Waters
- Goal 2 - Implement a National Approach to Aquatic Animal Health Management of Aquaculture
- Goal 3 - Refine and Disseminate Tools for Aquaculture Regulatory Management

Next steps

- NOAA will share public comments with members of the Regulatory Task Force
- Task Force will consider revisions to the draft outline of the work plan to reflect input from the public and partners
- Task Force will complete a draft work plan (~30 pages) based on the final outline
- Task Force will submit the draft work plan to the Subcommittee on Aquaculture for approval
- Draft work plan will be issued by the Subcommittee on Aquaculture for public comment

Legislative Updates

- Senate Oceans Caucus, OceanReports presentation
- Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act (AQUAA Act)
- Senate Commerce Committee hearing on aquaculture (October 16th)
- Congressional Staff Delegation, Hawaii visit



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NOAA Aquaculture Grants Update



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NOAA's FY 2019
aquaculture grant
award estimate:

>\$29M

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NOAA's FY 2019 Aquaculture Grant Award Estimate by Line Office

NMFS	\$5.9M
• Marine Aquaculture Pilot Projects	\$ 2.0M
• Oyster Research Grants	\$ 3.0M
• S-K Grants	\$ 0.9M
OAR	>\$16.8M
• Sea Grant National Aquaculture Initiative	\$16.0M
• SBIR Grants (Phase I)	TBD
• SBIR Grants (Phase II)	\$0.8M
NOS	\$6.2M
• Competitive Research Grants	\$6.2M



FY 2020: directed appropriations echo FYs 2018-2019

- Shellfish survival/growth rates/genetic variation
- Oyster aquaculture, research, and restoration
- Regional pilots in sustainable aquaculture
- Aquaculture activities at fisheries science centers



Questions?



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