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Mr. Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
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1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Chris,

The Council Coordinating Committee (CCC) at its virtual meeting on September 23-24, 2020, heard a report from each Council on their recommended actions addressing the President's Executive Order 13921 in promoting seafood competitiveness and increasing fishery production. Most Councils developed their prioritized list of recommended actions in consultation with their advisory bodies. The issues and actions are inherently diverse, which reflects the different issues each region is facing. Much of the CCC discussions focused on the procedural aspects of how NMFS will be addressing these recommendations. The CCC is concerned about the continuity of this process when there is a change in administration. The CCC, therefore, requested NMFS continue to brief the CCC and RFMCs on the review and implementation planning of recommendations provided by the RFMCs regarding all aspects of Executive Order 13921 (e.g., changes to regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions).

We appreciate your continued support of managing our national fishery resources by the Regional Fishery Management Councils as authorized through the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

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