

National Strategy for Seafood Sector Resilience and Competitiveness

The Strategy will capture what NMFS should do given current capabilities and authorities over next five years to: support seafood industry resilience and competitiveness, increase U.S. seafood production, raise domestic per capita seafood consumption, reduce illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and contribute to climate-friendly food production.

A draft Strategy was crafted based on input our agency has received from the seafood sector over many years. The CCC reviewed a draft annotated outline earlier this year.



Four Strategy Objectives

1. **Wild-capture fisheries:** Optimize sustainable production of U.S. wild-capture seafood
2. **Aquaculture:** Increase domestic marine aquaculture production and establish the U.S. as a global leader in sustainable aquaculture
3. **International trade and monitoring:** Fair, reciprocal, and sustainable seafood trade
4. **Seafood promotion, infrastructure and workforce development:** Strengthen the entire seafood sector through collaborative marketing, infrastructure modernization, and workforce development

How you can help us create an effective Strategy:

- The Draft Strategy will be posted for public comment. **Provide your written input at that time.** Councils will be notified when it is available.
- Listening sessions will also occur during the period the Strategy is in the *Federal Register*. **Provide your feedback verbally at that time.**
- The draft Strategy will be revised based on public feedback.

