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FISHERIES

Executive Order 13921 Section 4

NMFS Response to Regional Fishery
Management Councils' Recommendations

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May 20, 2021 CCC Meeting

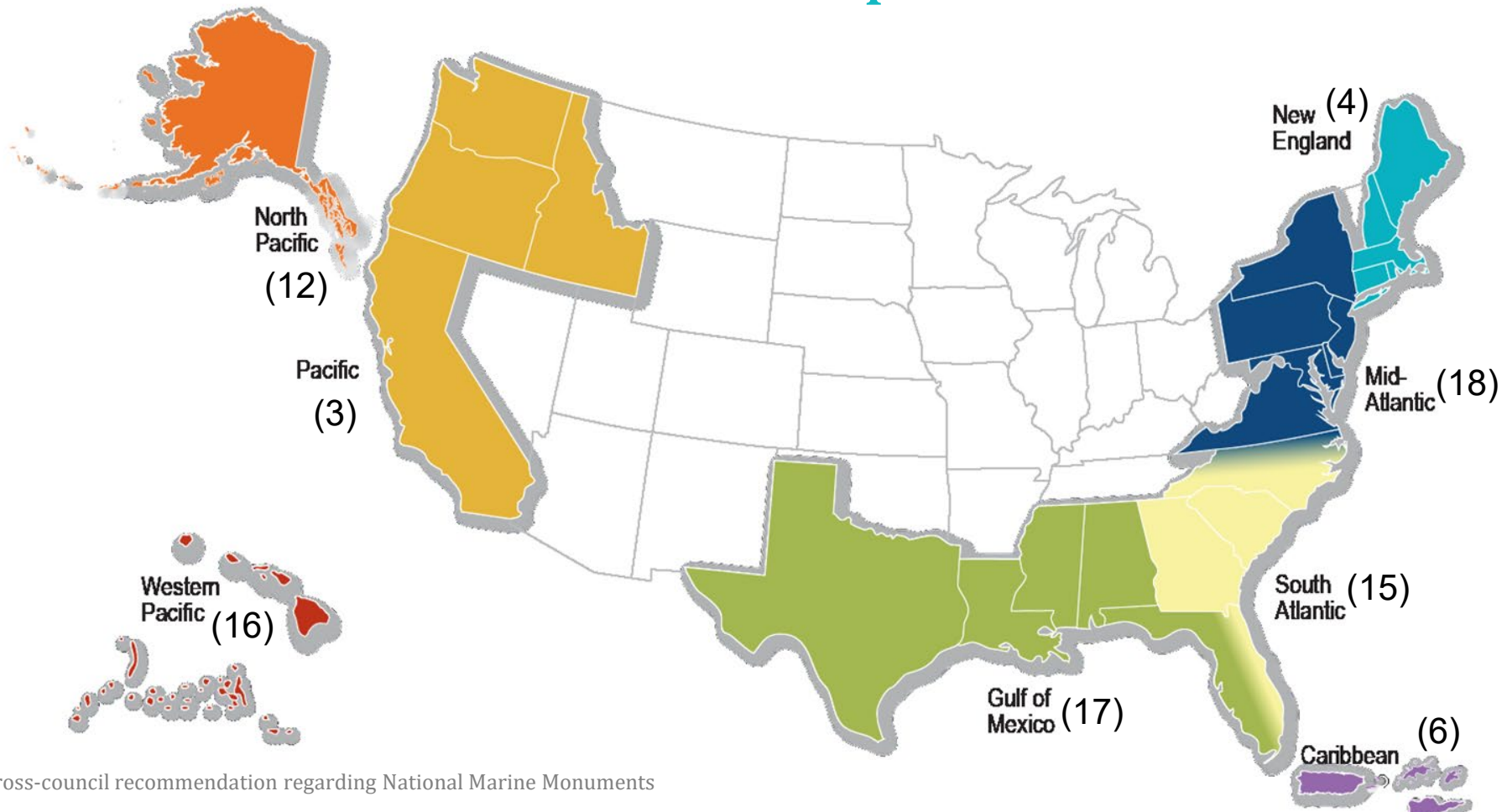
Section 4: Removing Barriers to American Fishing

Requested all Councils submit a prioritized list of actions to “reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries”

- Proposal to initiate action in 1 year.
- May include changes to regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions.
- Must be consistent with MSA, ESA, MMPA and other applicable laws.
- Secretary shall review and, as appropriate, update Unified Agenda (UA) based on evaluation of input.

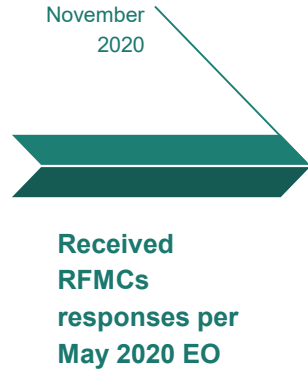


Number of Actions Received per Council

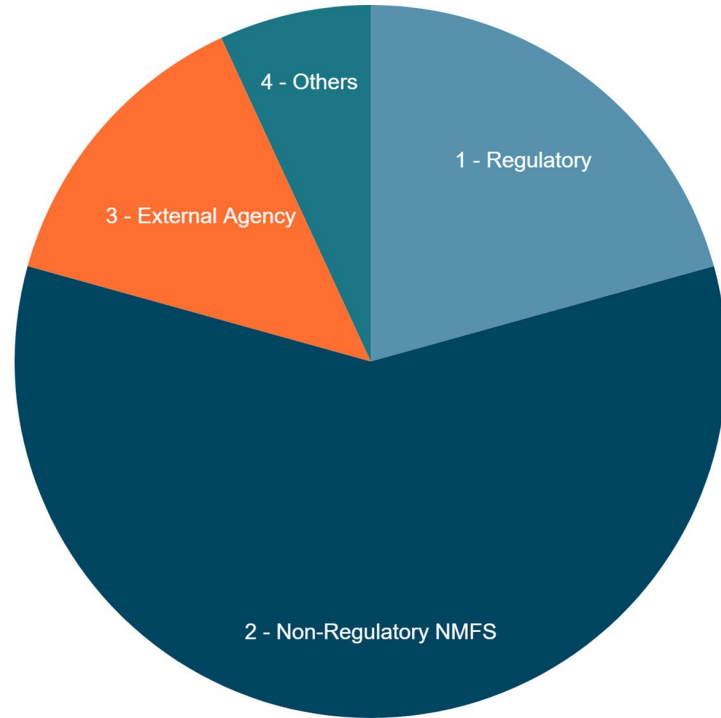
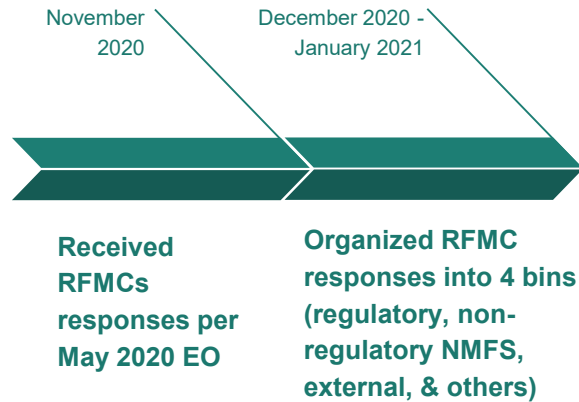


+1 cross-council recommendation regarding National Marine Monuments

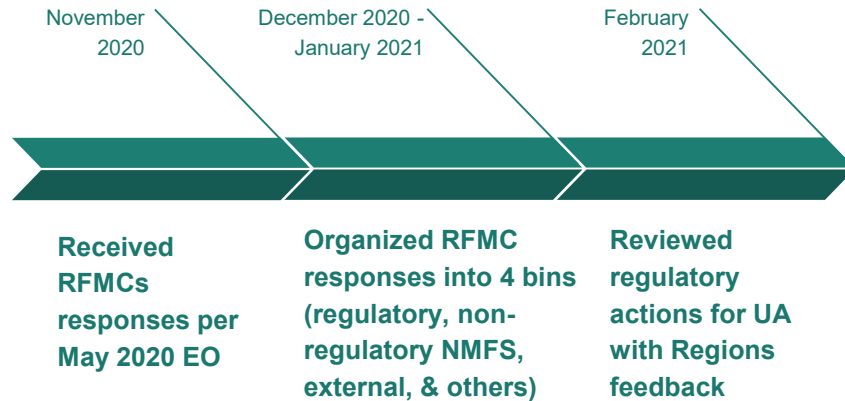
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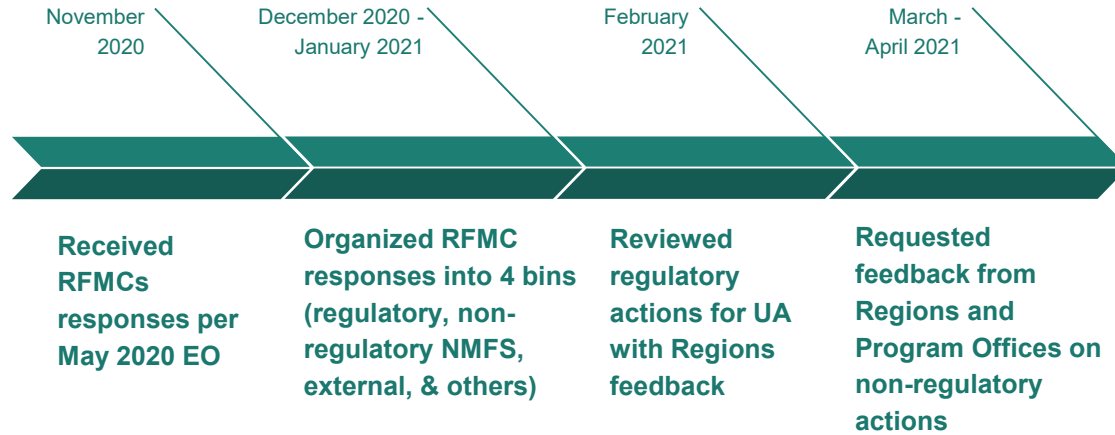


Regulatory Actions (Bin 1)

- Total of 18 regulatory actions received.
- Regulatory actions proposed are mostly considered near-term, i.e. a final rule or Council action is expected in the next 6-12 months.
- One rule cleared in time for the Spring 2021 UA (NPFMC squid/sculpin processing). Several more actions are likely to appear in the Fall 2021 UA.
- All regulatory actions will be tracked for reporting under the EO and added to upcoming UAs as the actions are approved by the Councils on a normal timeframe.



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Non-Regulatory Actions Common Themes & Repeat Recommendations (Bin 2-4)

- Commercial e-logbook programs
- Improve data collection and funding for surveys, monitoring and observers
- Evaluate NS1 guidance, ACLs flexibility, Modernizing Fisheries Act
- Domestic seafood competitiveness in foreign markets & reduce trade barriers
- National seafood marketing program with industry
- Support for climate scenario planning
- USFWS squid reclassification
- Education for young fishers



What's Next?

