

D2 Council Motion

Regulatory Reform Review

April 9, 2018

The Council reviewed the regulations under its authority, the Council's current projects and priorities, and the recordkeeping and reporting revisions NMFS identified to reduce or simplify existing regulations.

Based on this review, the Council requests the Executive Director and Council Chairman to respond to NMFS's request for recommendations under the Regulatory Reform Executive Orders by noting that the Council's current projects and 3-meeting outlook represent its current conservation and management priorities. Some of these on-going projects may include components that reduce the burden of existing regulations and those will be noted when the Council submits future FMP and regulatory amendment recommendations to NMFS. In addition, the Council response should note that the Council may identify additional regulations that require review in the future. These future reviews will be conducted through the Council process with consideration of the scope, priority, and process appropriate for the particular issue.

The Council also supports NMFS continuing to remove recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are no longer necessary, and to simplify or reduce the burden of existing requirements. Several of these revisions were identified by NMFS in this review. These regulatory revisions may be included in future Council analyses, reported to the Council in the NMFS management report, or implemented through NMFS-initiated rulemaking that could be reviewed by the Council Chairman and Executive Director through the standard review of regulatory amendment packages prepared by NMFS Alaska Region.