



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Ms. Erika Feller
Chairwoman
Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee
3901 Cathedral Avenue, NW
Unit 509
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Thank you and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) for the report and letters approved and transmitted following your meeting in summer 2020.

In particular, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) appreciates the detailed findings and recommendations in the report, *Establishing a National Seafood Council, Report and Recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee*. The work undertaken and highlighted by MAFAC, in support a National Seafood Council, is consistent with the objectives of the Administration's Seafood Competitiveness goals.

NOAA endorses the overall goals of a National Seafood Council, and we plan to review and evaluate how the Administration might move forward toward this end.

I commend all the members and thank you for your dedicated service in support of our Nation's living marine resources, healthy ecosystems, and the communities and jobs they support.

Sincerely,

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

