

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting – Virtual
October 12-14, 2021

1. Title of Discussion: **Synthesis of Public Comments to NOAA on Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, Section 216 (c)**

2. Presenter: **Marina Cucuzza**
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3. Objective/Purpose (Informational)

Provide an overview of the public comments and recommendations received by NOAA on how to make fisheries and protected resources, including aquaculture, more resilient to climate change in response to Executive Order 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, Section 216 (c).

4. Background/Synopsis

On January 27, 2021, President Biden issued [Executive Order 14008](#) “*Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*.” Section 216 (c) directs NOAA to “*collect input from fishermen, regional ocean councils, fishery management councils, scientists, and other stakeholders on how to make fisheries, including aquaculture, and protected resources more resilient to climate change.*” This includes recommendations on changes in management and conservation measures and improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research.

In response to the Executive Order, NOAA published a [federal register notice](#) requesting written input, hosted three national stakeholder listening sessions, and special sessions were held at meetings of the Regional Fishery Management Councils to gather input.

This presentation will provide a high-level synthesis of public comments received by NOAA and will highlight major themes and recommendations identified through a qualitative analysis of public input.

5. Action to be taken by MAFAC members

Consider the comments and general information in the context of your on-going work to build resilience in fisheries and for seafood businesses and coastal communities.