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Sec. 4. Removing Barriers to American Fishing. (a) The Secretary of Commerce shall request each Regional Fishery Management Council to submit, within 180 days of the date of this order, a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries, including a proposal for initiating each recommended action within 1 year of the date of this order.

(i) Recommended actions may include **changes to regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions.**

(ii) Recommended actions shall be consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.); and other applicable laws.

(iii) Consistent with section 302(f) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(f)), and within existing appropriations, **the Secretary of Commerce shall provide administrative and technical support to the Regional Fishery Management Councils to carry out this subsection.**

(b) The Secretary of Commerce shall review and, as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law, update the Department of Commerce's contribution to the Unified Regulatory Agenda based on an evaluation of the lists received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality a report evaluating the recommendations described in subsection (a) of this section and describing any actions taken to implement those recommendations. This report shall be updated annually for the following 2 years.

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Possible Topics to Consider:

1. Marketing of underutilized species and webinars on how to cook them,
2. Incentives for companies to do secondary processing in the US,
3. Changes to guest worker programs to give seafood processors more certainty,
4. Clarifying/simplifying regulations for seafood businesses to do more e-trade business,
5. Creating incentives to keep shoreside infrastructure and working waterfronts,
6. Incentives for upgrading/replacing older fishing vessels,
7. Recruiting young fishermen,
8. Approving cheaper and more user-friendly technology (EM/ER), etc.