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Give Us Your Input on Making Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Protected Resources More Resilient to Climate Change



Agency announces 30-day comment period to collect information in response to Section 216(c) of the Executive Order on tackling the climate crisis.

NOAA is launching an agency-wide effort to gather initial public input on Section 216(c) of the <u>Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad</u>. This section directs NOAA to collect recommendations on how to make fisheries, including aquaculture, and protected resources more resilient to climate change. This includes changes in management and conservation measures and improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research. We invite your input on how best to achieve these objectives. Submit your comments by April 2, 2021 to OceanResources.Climate@noaa.gov.

The input will inform NOAA's implementation of our relevant authorities and our work with federal agencies, state and tribal governments, and relevant stakeholders and constituents to ensure more resilient fisheries and protected resources due to climate change.

Research has shown that fisheries, protected resources, and their habitats and ecosystems are being affected by climate change. Climate-related changes in ocean ecosystems such as warming oceans, increasing acidification, and rising seas can affect the distribution and abundance of marine species. These changes also impact the people and communities that depend on them. At NOAA, we work with partners to understand and respond to changing climate and ocean conditions to help minimize

impacts, adapt to changes, and ensure that future generations can enjoy the benefits of healthy marine ecosystems.

Beyond this 30-day public comment period, we will continue to gather input throughout 2021 through meetings, public listening sessions, and other means. Information gathered after the initial deadline for comments will still be collected and considered.

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