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NOAA opens 45-day public comment period on several EOs to review and streamline regulatory processes & reduce regulatory burden

As part of ongoing efforts to implement several of the President's recent Executive Orders, NOAA Fisheries and the National Ocean Service published a joint Federal Register notice on July 6, 2017, for a 45-day public comment period seeking broad input on identifying existing regulations and processes that, among other things, may be outdated, unnecessary, ineffective; inhibit job creation and growth; and /or can be further streamlined in a manner consistent with law.

The specific Executive Orders are:

- [E.O.13766](#), "Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects"
- [E.O. 13771](#), "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs"
- [E.O. 13777](#), "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"
- [E.O. 13783](#), "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth"
- [E.O. 13795](#), "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy"

NOAA is seeking public comment on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulatory processes under the following laws:

- National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA)
- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)
- Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA)
- Federal Power Act

NOAA is issuing a single request for comment on NOAA Fisheries' and NOS' regulations and regulatory processes to ensure the public has the opportunity to comment in a coordinated fashion and does not have to respond to multiple requests for comment.

Attached you may find the notice from the Federal Register.

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