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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 26, 2021  
**To:** Council  
**From:** Mary Sabo, Council Staff  
**Subject:** Listening Session on President Biden's Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

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 recommendations on how to make fisheries, including aquaculture, and protected resources more resilient to climate change, including changes in management and conservation measures, and improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research.

During this meeting, the Council will receive a presentation on Section 216(c) from Mr. Paul Doremus, Acting Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for discussion and comment.

***Sec. 216. Conserving Our Nation's Lands and Waters.***

*(c) The Secretary of Commerce, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall initiate efforts in the first 60 days from the date of this order to collect input from fishermen, regional ocean councils, fishery management councils, scientists, and other stakeholders on how to make fisheries and protected resources more resilient to climate change, including changes in management and conservation measures, and improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research.*

The full text of Executive Order 14008 is available [here](#) and will be posted as a supplemental document under Tab 5 on the [April 2021 Meeting Page](#).