Public Comment: Principles for Determining Species At-Risk of IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud

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Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Seafood Fraud

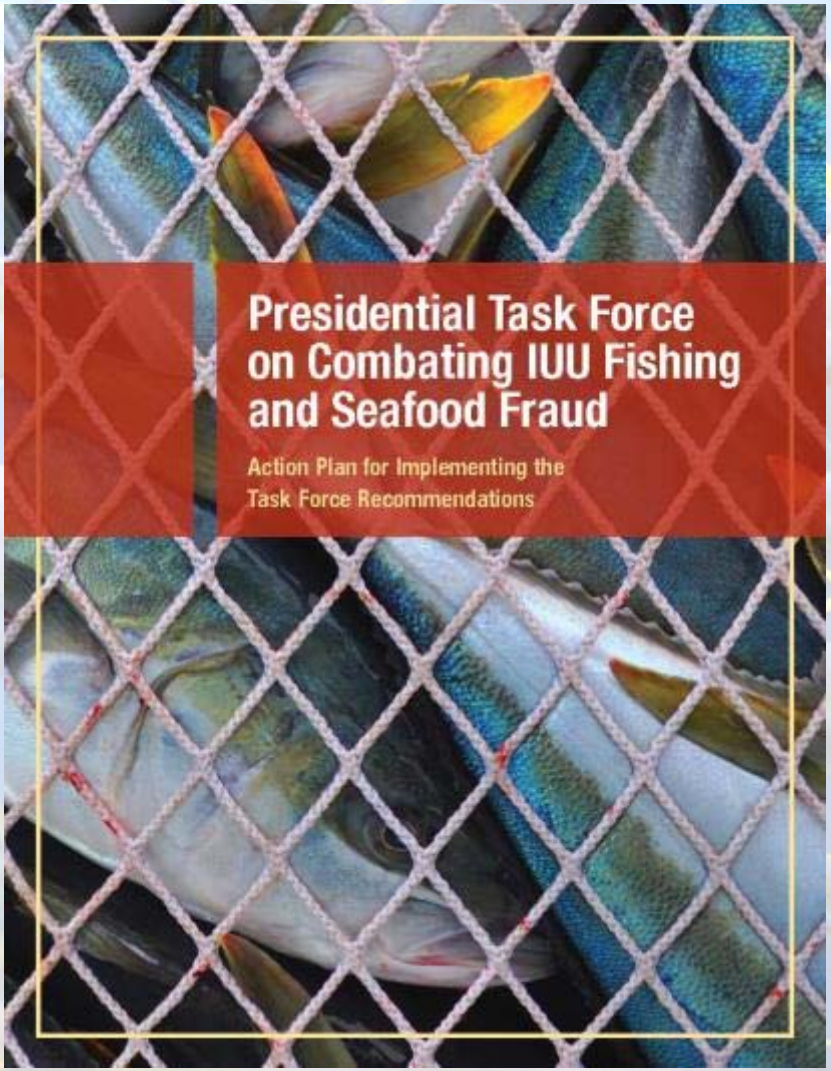
IUU fishing and seafood fraud are complex and global issues requiring long-term collaboration, innovation, and investment.

Presidential Task Force on IUU and Seafood Fraud

- Established June 2014
- Departments of Commerce & State
- Public engagement: Federal Register Notice, public meetings
- Action plan to combat IUU fishing and seafood fraud, March 2015

Recommendation Categories

- International governance
- Enforcement
- Partnerships
- Traceability



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Traceability Recommendations

15. Traceability

Establish, within 18 months, the first phase of a risk-based traceability program to track seafood from point of harvest to entry into the U.S. commerce

- Identifying current species "AT RISK" of IUU fishing and seafood fraud.

Determining Species "At Risk"

- Identifying **principles** to be used in determining seafood species "at risk" of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and seafood fraud.

Scope for Comment

<u>Principles</u> should be:

- Measurable
- Have a reasonable amount of existing data to assess
- Be applicable to domestic and/or international fisheries

Example Principles

Possible principles could include assessing the extent to which species are known to have:

- Significant domestic or international enforcement-related concerns
- Unreported or mis-reported catches (particularly those of high economic value)
- Human health risk when substituted for other species
- Substitution to avoid tariffs or to sell a lower-value fish at a higher price.

Taking Public Comment

Phone lines now open

Next Steps

- Public input accepted until June 8
  - -additional webinar opportunities
  - -comment online through:

  www.fisheries.noaa.gov/ia/iuu/taskforce.html
- Draft list of principles and at-risk species available for public comment (July)
- Final list of recommended principles and species (October)