



FLC Update

Engagement Report

Council/AFSC

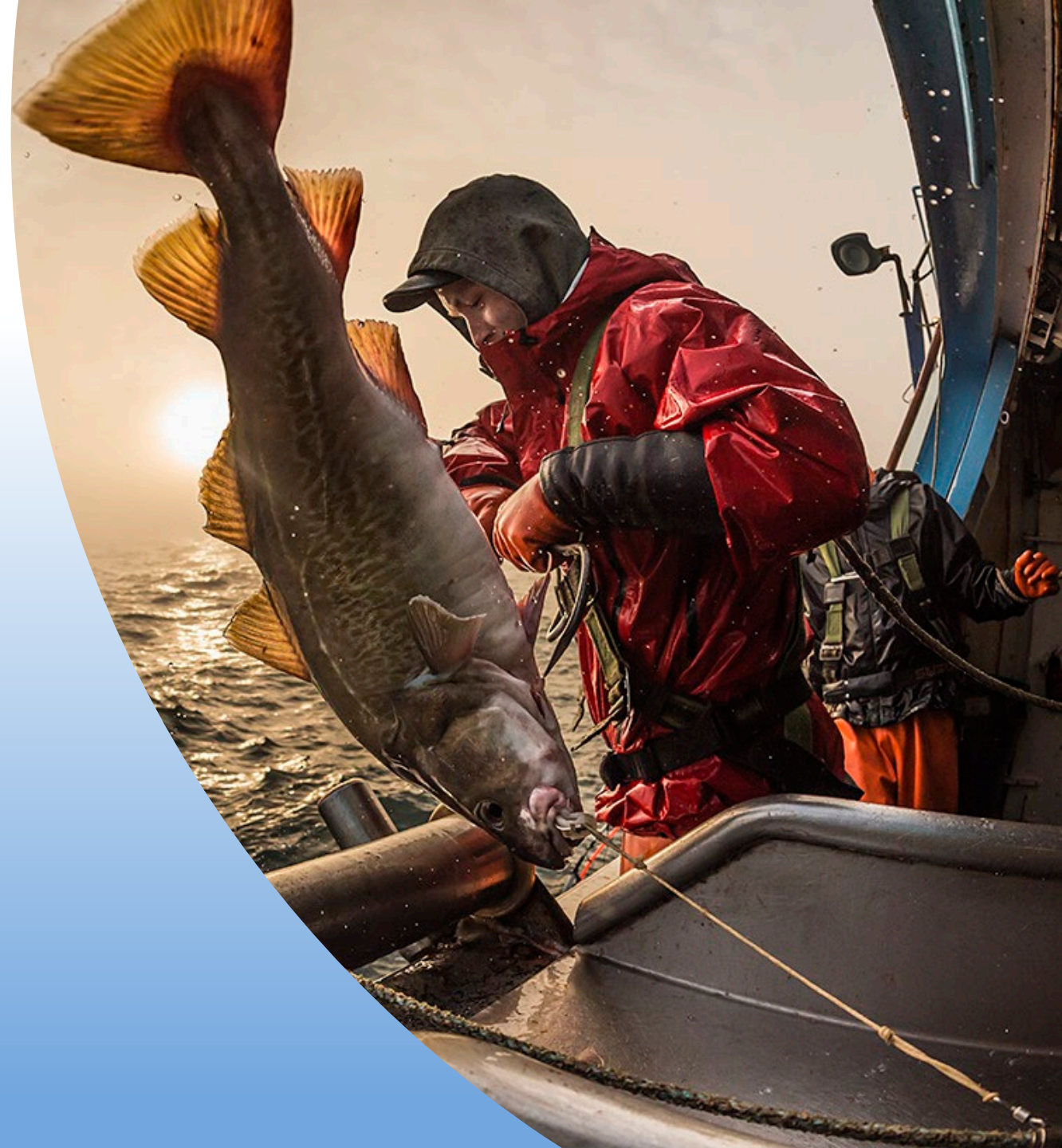
Pacific cod
MRA adjustments
Observer Program

State/Local

State of Alaska
State of Washington
City of Seattle

Federal

NMFS leadership outreach
Spring DC visit
Seafood Harvesters
Industry engagement – K&L Gates



A large fishing vessel, the Frontier Mariner, is docked at night. The ship is illuminated by bright lights, and its name "FRONTIER MARINER" and "SEATTLE, WA" are visible on the hull. Other fishing vessels are docked in the background, and the scene is reflected in the water. A bright sunburst effect is visible in the upper right quadrant of the image.

Council/AFSC

- Pacific Cod
 - Cod assessment
 - Research work
- MRA adjustments
 - Council Final Action
 - NMFS implementation
- Observer Program
 - LL2 Availability
 - Increasing platforms
 - Creating efficiencies

State/Local

- State of Alaska

- UFA
- Board of Fisheries

- State of Washington

- Governor's office outreach
- Washington Maritime Federation
- CCF exemption - Millionaire's tax

- City of Seattle

- Seattle Maritime Lands
- Duwamish waterway



Washington Maritime Day 2026

February 5, 2026; Olympia, WA





Federal

- NMFS leadership outreach
- FLC Spring DC visit
 - Highlights from trip
 - Key topics
 - Takeaways
- Seafood Harvesters of America
 - Priorities, engagement
- Industry engagement – K&L Gates
 - Vessel modernization
 - P&I insurance reform

President Trump FY 2027 Budget Request

NOAA Budget Estimates

NMFS Fisheries Science and Management Account

FY 2027 Proposed Operating Plan	POS	FTE	FY 2026 Enacted	POS	FTE	FY 2027 Calculated ATBs	FY 2027 Technical ATBs	POS	FTE	FY 2027 Base	POS	FTE	FY 2027 Program Changes	POS	FTE	FY 2027 Estimate
Fisheries Science and Management																
Fisheries and Ecosystem Science Programs and Services	517	462	161,500	73	65	1,853	17,089	590	527	180,442	(12)	(12)	(43,353)	578	515	137,089
Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys, and Assessments	387	344	214,054	0	0	1,768	0	387	344	215,822	(4)	(6)	(15,110)	383	338	200,712
Observers and Training	127	114	58,383	0	0	366	0	127	114	58,749	(4)	(4)	(13,749)	123	110	45,000
Fisheries Management Programs and Services	381	339	138,000	134	120	1,493	29,911	515	459	169,404	(42)	(43)	(32,993)	473	416	136,411
Aquaculture	39	35	25,000	0	0	150	0	39	35	25,150	0	0	(3,906)	39	35	21,244
Salmon Management Activities	37	34	69,750	0	0	174	0	37	34	69,924	0	0	(19,924)	37	34	50,000
Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions	11	10	45,000	0	0	974	0	11	10	45,974	0	0	1,241	11	10	47,215
Interjurisdictional Fisheries Grants	1	1	3,377	0	0	2	0	1	1	3,379	(1)	(1)	(3,379)	0	0	0
Total, Fisheries Science and Management	1,500	1,339	715,064	207	185	6,780	47,000	1,707	1,524	768,844	(63)	(66)	(131,173)	1,644	1,458	637,671

A large white fishing vessel named "BLUE NORTH" is docked at a pier. The vessel has a prominent cabin and a mast with an American flag. A crowd of people, many wearing white hats, is gathered on the pier in front of the vessel, looking towards it. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with a string of colorful signal flags hanging across the top. The vessel's name "BLUE NORTH" is written in large, dark letters on its side.

Fishing Vessel Financing Improvement Act

HR 7350

- **Direct Loans:** Extends eligibility for MARAD Title XI loans to fishing vessels
 - Guaranteed loans up to 25 yrs, with favorable financing terms
- **Loan Limits:** Guaranteed loans for up to 87.5% of actual or depreciated cost of the vessel
- **Eligible Activities:** May be applied toward new vessel construction or vessel modernization.
- **Refinance option:** Certain vessels built after Jan. 1, 2021 eligible for refinancing under Title XI program

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**MAY
12**

9:00 AM
to
5:00 PM

*Seafood
Reception to follow

Seafood Harvesters of America is convening an invitational policy forum to bring together leaders from the U.S. seafood industry, Congress, and the Administration to assess the state of domestic seafood production and identify the actions needed to ensure the industry thrives over the next 50 years.

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