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The Honorable Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security
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Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service

Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned businesses, and environmental, fishing, and indigenous groups representing at least 9 million people, across every state in the union, urge you to revoke Executive Order 13921: Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth. EO 13921 was issued by the Trump Administration on May 7th, 2020, and is still in effect today. As you have fully or partially revoked over a quarter of the Trump-era executive orders that could jeopardize your administration’s work to improve our environment and economy, we are stunned that EO 13921 has not yet been repealed. By continuing to support this policy, your administration is putting coastal communities, marine ecosystems, and consumer health at risk.

EO 13921 directs the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to circumvent Congress by identifying potential sites for finfish farming and instructs the Army Corps of Engineers to provide nationwide permits. It pushes agencies to streamline and expedite permitting processes for these
operations, with minimal public and Congressional oversight. Public and expert opposition to this risky industry remains significant and widespread, as all seven pro-finfish farming bills introduced in Congress over the past two decades have failed to garner meaningful support.

Offshore finfish farming crams thousands of fish into massive net pens in open waters. They will not benefit the United States as whole, but would siphon benefits from our shared resources to profit a few corporations in the industrial seafood and agriculture lobby. These megacorporations are working to advance the same land-based food production models that pollute waterways, contribute to poor nutrition and human health problems, and force farmers to sell their land. Expanding their influence to our Federal waters is a serious threat to the health and wealth of U.S. coastal and fishing communities that are already struggling.

Industrial offshore fish farms would contaminate our marine waters with drugs, chemicals, and untreated wastes, while creating a breeding ground for pests and diseases. Due to the projected increase in pollution and other ecological damage caused by these farms, the value of wild-caught fish and wildlife populations could decline. Allowing this EO to stand could decrease seafood production, or replace wild caught fish with farmed fish, thus undermining historic fishing communities and offering the public low-quality fish.

Current science supports these concerns. Countries previously considered global leaders in the offshore finfish farming industry, including Denmark and Canada, have learned from their mistakes and are now banning the development of these industrial facilities. You previously promised to follow science as part of your election platform, so we urge you to consider the following:

- Seventy-five percent of antibiotics used by the industrial offshore finfish farming industry are directly absorbed into the surrounding environment.¹
- Offshore finfish farms treat sea lice with Emamectin benzoate (SLICE®), which has caused widespread damage to wildlife and reductions in crabs, lobsters and other crustaceans.²
- In August 2017, a Cooke Aquaculture facility in Washington State spilled more than 263,000 farmed Atlantic salmon into Puget Sound, threatening local wildlife.³
- In March 2017, an endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal died due to entanglement in net pens at Blue Ocean Mariculture, which is the NMFS research farm.⁴
- Fish feed consists of lower-trophic level forage fish, which are critical for healthy marine ecosystems, as well as genetically-engineered corn, soy, and algae.⁵

Independent fishermen - many of whom are already experiencing economic hardship - could be entirely pushed out of business by industrial aquaculture. Coastal economies that depend on tourism may also suffer, as polluted areas attract fewer visitors. The devastating effects of Florida’s unprecedented, lengthy

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³ Mapes, Lynda. *Fish farm caused Atlantic salmon spill near San Juans, then tried to hide how bad it was, state says*. The Seattle Times. January 30, 2018. [https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/fish-farm-caused-atlantic-salmon-spill-state-says-then-tried-to-hide-how-bad-it-was/](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/fish-farm-caused-atlantic-salmon-spill-state-says-then-tried-to-hide-how-bad-it-was/)
algal blooms and red tides were documented in a January 25, 2022 opinion piece in the Washington Post - *Opinion: Florida’s waters choke on fertilizer, dead fish and red tides — while Big Ag floats above it all.*

Coastal communities and marine ecosystems should be protected by investing in independent fishing livelihoods, marine conservation, and small-scale sustainable aquaculture. We hope you focus on aquaculture systems that are site specific and scaled to benefit communities and that don't conflict with traditional fishing, cause pollution, or harm human health. We would be happy to discuss this with you.

Your decision to maintain the aquaculture provisions in this Executive Order gives the green light to NOAA to continue this Trump-supported dirty industry. EO 13921 is not the answer to the multiple social, economic, and ecological challenges we are facing as a nation, especially during an ongoing global health crisis and climate chaos. We respectfully ask that you fulfill your campaign promise to follow the science and revoke Executive Order 13921.

Sincerely yours,

National Groups

**American Sustainable Business Council**, David Levine, President  
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**Compassion in World Farming**, Ben Williamson, Executive Director  
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**Food & Water Watch**, Elizabeth Schuster, Government Affairs Representative  
**Friends of the Earth**, Hallie Templeton, Legal Director  
**Global Center for Climate Justice**, Christina Schlegel, Executive Director  
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**HEAL Food Alliance**, Maleeka Manurasada, National Organizer  
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**National Association of Charterboat Operators**, Robert Zales, II, President  
**National Family Farm Coalition**, Antonio Tovar, Senior Policy Associate  
**National Farm to School Network**, Karen Spangler, Policy Director  
**North American Climate, Conservation and Environment**, Jerry Rivers, Environmental Scientist  
**North American Marine Alliance**, Brett Tolley, National Program Coordinator  
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**The Cornucopia Institute**, Marie Burcham, Policy Director  
**Waterkeeper Alliance**, Bart Mihailovich, Organizing Director  
**Belize Federation of Fishers**, Nigel Martinez, Director, *Belize*

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Anna Marie Seafood, Lance Nacio, Owner, Montegut, LA
Anthropocene Alliance, Harriet Festing, Executive Director, Micanopy, FL
Arnesen Seafood, Kindra Arnesen, Owner, Buras, LA
Bajac Building Maintenance, Agel Navarro, Owner, Placentia, CA
Big D's Seafood, INC, Chrystel Olander, Owner, Franklin, LA
Blue Moon Fish, Stephanie Villani, Owner, Mattituck, NY
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Capt Corey, LLC, Douglas Olander, Owner, Franklin, LA
Captain Kidd Lobstering, Al Schaffer, Owner/Operator, East Hampton, NY
Carmo, Dana Honn, Chef/Owner, New Orleans, LA
Catch of the Hamptons, Olivia Lofstad, Supervisor, Hampton Bays, NY
Catch Sitka Seafoods, Mindy Samman, COO, Sitka, AK
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Chatham Harvesters Cooperative | F/V Noah, Doug Feeney, President/Owner-operator, Chatham, MA
Chikyū Vegan Sushi Bar, Casson Trenor, Owner, Las Vegas, NV
Chuck and Ace Seafood, James Auteri, Partner, Montauk, NY
Community Alliance for Global Justice, Heather Day, ED, Seattle, WA
Copper River Fish Market, Sarah Ecolano, Fisher(woman), Cordova, WA
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Eating with the Ecosystem, Kate Masary, Executive Director, Wakefield, RI
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F/V Julie Rae, Ray Lofstad, Owner, Hampton Bays, NY
F/V Karen Lyn, Jayson Driscoll, Owner, Rye, NH
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F/V Oceana Inc, Dean Pesante, Owner/Operator, Wakefield, RI
F/V Oldjake, Jason Jarvis, Owner/Operator, Westerly, RI
F/V Sol Duc, James Prince, Owner/Operator, Port Townsend, WA
F/V SylviaS, Chris Wood, Owner, Amagansett, NY
F/V Wild & Free, Sarah Schumann, Commercial Fisherman, Warren, RI
Family Farm Defenders, John E. Peck, Executive Director, Madison, WI
Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, Judith McGeary, Executive Director, Cameron, TX
Farm to Fork San Diego, Trish Watlington, Founder, La Mesa, CA
Fish People Consulting and Services, Melanie Brown, Owner/Operator, Juneau, AK
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Fishers Choice Wild Salmon, Anne Mosness, Owner, Bellingham, WA
Florida Commercial Watermen's Conservation, Casey Streeter, Founder, Matlacha, FL
Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., Preston T. Robertson, President/CEO, Tallahassee, FL
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Forever Wild Seafood, Kevin Scribner, Owner, Walla Walla, WA
Four Winds Fisheries, INC, John Windels, Owner/President, Hampton Bays, NY
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Fresh Harvest Kitchen, Jason Jarvis, Manager, Westerly, RI
Grand Caillou Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw, Shirell Parfait-Dardar, Chief, Chauvin, LA
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Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition, Rev Gregory T. Manning, Founder & Chair, New Orleans, LA
Green Room Fisheries, Charlie Weimar, CEO, Montauk, NY
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Gulf Islands Conservancy Inc., Louis Skrmetta, President, Biloxi Mississippi
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James Kraus Fish Co, INC, James Kraus, Owner, Hampton Bays, NY
Jean Charles Choctaw Nation, Albert P Naquin, Traditional Chief, Montegut, LA
Jerry D Parria, LLC, Jerry D Parria, Owner/Captain, Lafitte, LA
JoEllie’s Boat to Cart Seafood, Susannah Montague, Owner, Seal Rock, OR
L&G Fisheries, Hank Lackner, Owner/Operator Commercial Fisherman, Montauk, NY
Local Bounty DBA Real Good Fish, Alan Lovewell, CEO, Moss Landing, CA
Locust Point Community Garden, Dave Arndt, Director, Baltimore, MD
Long Island Commercial Fishing Association, Bonnie Brady, Director, Montauk, NY
Long Island Traditions, Nancy Solomon, Executive Director, Port Washington, NY
Louisiana League of Conscious Voters, Sylvia McKenzie, Executive Director, New Orleans, LA
Louisiana Shrimp Association, Acy Cooper, President, Venice, LA
Lowlander Center, Kristina Peterson, Facilitator, Gray, LA
Mangrove Action Project, Alfredo Quarto, Program & Policy Director/ Co-founder, Port Angeles, WA
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Marine Alliances Consulting, Steve Scheiblauer, Owner, Soquel, CA
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Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization, Tom Hafer, President, Morro Bay, CA
Nature Power, Daren Black, Owner, Los Angeles, CA
Nemesis Fisheries Inc, Vincent Carillo, President, Montauk, NY
New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, Laura Orleans, Executive Director, New Bedford, MA
New England Fishmongers, Tim Rider, Co-founder, Elliot, ME
New Orleans Food Policy Action Council, Elisa Munoz, Executive Director, New Orleans, LA
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Offshore Fishery, Inc., Dan Farnham, President, Montauk, NY
One Fish Foundation, Colles Stowell, President, Yarmouth, ME
Panama City Boatmen Association, Capt Bob Zales, II, President, Panama City, FL
Port Orford Seafood Company, Aaron Longton, Owner/Operator, Port Orford, OR
Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association, Chris Pavone, President, Port San Luis, Avila, CA
Quiet Life, LLC, Sean Spellman, Owner, Westerly, RI
R&R Lobster, Robert Migdalski, President, Wading River, NY
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Reef Runner LLC, Corey Olander, Owner, Franklin, LA
Rock Bottom Commercial Fishing, Eric Hodge, Fisherman, Oak View CA
Round Water Design L3C, Mariah Richards, Senior Illustrator & Water Scientist, Vinalhaven, ME
Rural Vermont, Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Policy Director, Montpelier, VT
Rusty Dragger Fisheries, Stephen Johnston, President, Hampton Bays, NY
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San Diego Fishermen's Working Group, Pete Halmay, President, San Diego, CA
Saraspe Seafoods, Tanner, Owner, Founder, Fisherman, San Diego, CA
Save the Olympic Peninsula, Ronald N. Richards, Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Port Angeles, WA
Sciencecorps, Dr. Kathleen Burns, Director, Manchester, MA
Sea Breeze Fisheries, Julie Lofstad, Owner, Hampton Bays, NY
Seafood Producers Cooperative, Norman Pillen, President, Bellingham, WA
Sena Sea Seafoods, Sena Wheeler, Founder, Wenatchee, WA
Shizen Vegan Sushi Bar, Casson Trenor, Owner, San Francisco, CA
Si Ky Lan, Inc., Phuoc H Nguyrn, Owner/Operator, New Orleans, LA
Sierra Club of Hawai‘i, Wayne Chung Tanaka, Chapter Director, Honolulu, HI
Silver Dollar Seafood, Inc, Dan Farnham, President, Montauk, NY & New Bedford, MA
Slow Food Vegas, Stephanie Pocchia, Founding Co-Chair, Policy Chair, Henderson, NV
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South County Fishmonger, Jason Jarvis, President, Westerly, RI
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Straight to the Plate, Emma and Kurtis Kramer, Owner, Girdwood AK
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Thomet and Co. Salmon LLC, Levi Thomet, Owner, Eugene, OR
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Wooden Island Wild / The Fisherman’s Pantry, Tracy Sylvester, Co-Founder, Woods Hole, MA