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**NFI COVID-19 Sitrep #38**

**NFI Tools for Members:**

1. NFI will continue its Wednesday webinar series on 13 May with a likely discussion of COVID-19's impact on seafood financing. [Register for the presentation and discussion](#) among NFI members.
2. NFI will continue its Friday technical webinar discussion series on 8 May 12:00 n – 1:30 pm (eastern), with a focus on prevention, including employee wellness checks and social distancing. Please send questions and suggested future topics to [Lisa Weddig](#). [Register for the 8 May discussion among NFI members](#).

**Advocacy on Behalf of NFI Members**

1. NFI today coordinated a call for NFI members with The White House (Peter Navarro, Director of Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, and Joe Grogan, Director of Domestic Policy Council, and Neil Jacobs, NOAA Administrator) to hear details of the President's [Executive Order dealing with seafood issues](#). The EO's main four points are: 1) streamlining aquaculture permitting; 2) regulatory relief for wild capture fisheries; 3) enhancing IUU enforcement tools, and 4) seafood export promotion. Although NFI will not agree with every outcome, on balance [NFI commended the President](#) for actions in behalf of the seafood community. NFI encourages NFI members who support all or part of the Executive Order to Tweet or otherwise [communicate their support](#).
2. NFI and 11 other food associations today sent a [letter to Vice President Pence and the White House Coronavirus Task Force](#) calling for better interagency cooperation and more direct federal guidance to state and local officials re processing operations and worker safety.

**Food Safety and Technical Documents**

1. None noted

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### **Employee and Plant Safety Technical Documents**

1. The Department of Homeland Security has sponsored a [tool that may help commercial seafood truck drivers develop routes](#) after understanding what states and localities have restriction in place.

### **Government Stimulus, Assistance, and Regulatory Relief Programs**

1. NOAA Fisheries announced that the [\\$300 M in CARES Act Section 12005](#) will be distributed to states thru the interstate marine fishery commissions. In the FAQs, NOAA states eligible “fishery-related businesses” should be limited to commercial fishing businesses, charter/for-hire fishing businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, processors, and dealers.” [NFI advocated strongly](#) for this broad definition of support.

### **Media and Other Reports about Seafood and Other Proteins:**

1. Stories all related to the Executive Order

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### **Developing Administration and State Actions and Legislative Activity**

1. None noted

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### **Federal and State Government Reports**

1. [Depart of Homeland Security Daily Critical Infrastructure Situation Report 7 May 2020](#)
2. Miller Strategies, an NFI consultant, provides a [daily summary of White House, Congressional, and political updates](#).

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### **Other Governments Actions**

1. None noted.

**Previously Reported Government or Industry Actions** NFI will store all previous links in the [NFI COVID Resource Center](#).

*[NFI offers an antitrust reminder](#) not because of specific seafood industry actions that raise antitrust concerns, but instead simply to highlight DOJ’s emphasis on this area of enforcement, and as a reminder that these laws apply during a difficult time for all member companies.*

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