The Northern Bering Sea and Bering Strait Region:

- Home to Yup’ik, Cup’ik, St. Lawrence Island Yupik, and Inupiaq people whose nutrition, culture, wellbeing, and way of life have been sustained by these waters for thousands of years.
- Hosts one of the world’s largest migrations of bowhead and beluga whales, walruses, and ice seals.
- An international strait for navigation and a natural chokepoint for wildlife passing between the Arctic and Pacific oceans.

About the Executive Action:

- Requested by more than 70 federally recognized tribes from the region.
- Covers approximately 113,000 square miles.
- Includes new protections from large-scale shipping and other industrial impacts and maintains existing protections from bottom trawl fishing.
- Provides for increased tribal participation and inclusion of traditional knowledge.