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# COMPLEX AND MURKY SPATIAL PLANNING

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## I. INTRODUCTION

On July 19, 2010, President Obama issued Executive Order 13,547,<sup>1</sup> which creates a process for developing and implementing

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1. Exec. Order No. 13,547, 75 Fed. Reg. 43,023 (July 22, 2010). Based on a review of past executive orders, Executive Order 13,547 appears to be rare or unique insofar as it incorporates a lengthy (77 pages, excluding appendices) external document, the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON ENVTL. QUALITY, FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERAGENCY OCEAN POLICY TASK FORCE (2010) [hereinafter TASK FORCE REPORT]. Executive Order 13,547 “adopts the recommendations of the [task force], except where otherwise provided in this order.” Exec. Order No.