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Washington, D.C. 20235

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Dear Elmer:

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 1976, submitting the grant application by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for \$666,000 for the first six months of FY 1977. Your prompt submission of this request is appreciated.

At the National Conference in Arlington in September we were alerted to the need to reexamine the adequacy of the funding of Councils provided in our initial estimates. Councils were requested to make their views on funding needs known as soon as possible.

Several of the Councils have held their initial meetings. However, the remainder of the Councils will not complete initial meetings until the week of October 18-22. We therefore should wait a short time for input from other Councils so that we may review the needs of all eight Councils against the limited funds available. We feel it is important that we deal with all Councils on a fair and equitable basis. To consider and act on one Council's request without appropriate review of the needs of all Councils would be unwise. In the meantime, while awaiting other Council inputs, we are examining in-house what latitude we may have in shifting EJ funds from one category to another.

A further response will be provided as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Schoning
Director

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