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To: Chairmen, Regional Fishery Management Councils

From: *for Jack W. Lehninger*
Regional Director, Bureau of
National Marine Fisheries Service

Subject: Request for Additional Funds from the Gulf States Marine
Fisheries Commission (GSMFC)

Attached is a request from GSMFC proposing the allocation of an additional \$10,000 per year for the purpose of hiring a full-time assistant on the GSMFC staff. GSMFC's allocation for FY 1978 would thus amount to \$20,000.

This increase creates a deviation from our guidelines of allocating \$10,000 per year to each Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) for each Council on which it is represented.

Both the Atlantic States and Pacific MFCs indicated that they would support a deviation from our policy. NMFS is willing to support the change, but we look forward to receiving an expression of Council views on this matter before making a final decision. Your timely response is appreciated.

Attachment

cc: Regional Directors, Executive Directors-REMC, F, F3, F31, *FX5*
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