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Mr. Robert W. Schoning, Director
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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of June 2nd on the funding needs of the Marine Fisheries Commissions as it relates to their support of the Regional Fishery Management Councils.

I will put this subject on the Council's agenda for the meeting June 23-24 and will contact you immediately afterward to relay their recommendations.

On the matter of direct support to State Fishery Directors, through the Council grant for the purpose of assisting them in meeting their obligations under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act, I have requested a contract proposal from the State of Alaska for the initial \$12,000 for FY77. As soon as that is received we will forward it to you with a grant supplemental request. The State of Alaska needs a contract for this purpose in order to get clearance from the Legislative and Budget Committee to receive the federal funds.

Sincerely,

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

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LETTER TO CHAIRMEN, REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

Dear Council Chairmen:

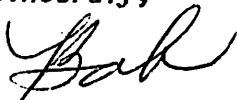
The attached letter from the Executive Directors of the Marine Fisheries Commissions identifies their funding needs associated with support to the Regional Fishery Management Councils.

In view of their statutory membership on the Regional Councils, the Commissions feel that they require assistance analogous to that requested by the State Fisheries Directors, in order to provide them internal staff assistance to permit their full participation in Council meetings and associated activities.

The level of support needed for the interstate marine fisheries commissions is projected at \$10,000 per year per Council served (\$30,000 for ASMFC serving three Councils, \$20,000 for PMFC serving two Councils, and \$10,000 for GSMFC which serves only a single Council). Operationally this level of support would permit each of the interstate marine fisheries commissions to hire a staff assistant to provide necessary backup for full and effective participation in Council affairs. The \$10,000 projected per Council approximates the amount provided under terms of the Act for salaries for public members (at approximately \$180/day for 40-60 days per year, for meetings, hearings, and other Council business). If approved, this funding would be provided from overall appropriations for FCMA but would not be charged against the budgets of the individual Council(s) concerned.

I would appreciate your recommendations on the proposal before I take a final position on the request.

Sincerely,

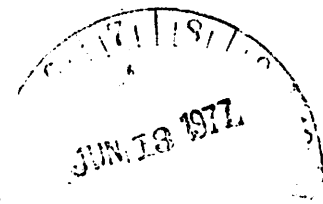


Robert W. Schoning
Director

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cc: Regional Directors, F, F3, F31, Fx5, Fx1, MR, Executive Directors

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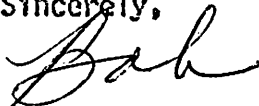
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Mr. Hugh A. Swingle, Director
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Dear Hugh:

This is to confirm my oral commitment made at the State Fish and Wildlife Directors' Meeting on May 19, 1977, that it is my intention to provide specific funds in grants to the Regional Fishery Management Councils for the purpose of assisting the involved "States" in meeting their obligations under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act. These obligations include additional responsibilities involving, among other things, liaison with the Councils and participation in the development of management plans. The first of these grants, in the amount of \$12K per State, covering the balance of this fiscal year (through September), have gone to the Councils for allocation to the States. The grants for fiscal year 1978 will amount to \$25K per State. It is my intention to make similar grants annually thereafter at this or other appropriate levels. This commitment is of course dependent on availability of funds. However, I fully expect that these funds will be available on a continuing basis. It is my hope that these funds will allow the States to participate more effectively under the Act in the conservation and management of marine fishery resources of importance to the Nation.

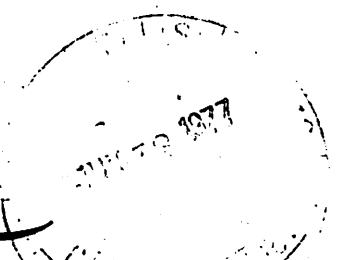
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(Identical Letters Sent to All State Fish & Wildlife Directors)
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