

JUN 29 1995

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Directors  
Regional Fishery Management Councils

**FROM:** John Oliver *John*  
Director, Budget and Planning Office

**SUBJECT:** FY 1996 House Budget Mark-up

Yesterday the House appropriation subcommittee for Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies marked-up the FY 1996 budget. This is the first real action the new Congress has taken with regards to balancing the budget, downsizing government and eliminating programs and organizations.

House appropriation subcommittee action yesterday would reduce NMFS funding by 15% from the current FY 1995 level (\$268.7M vs \$231.3M) and a reduction of 27% from the requested level of \$315.8M. Attached for your information is a general impact summary of the House mark and a detailed table showing the specific reductions. The information speaks for itself. You will note on the detailed table that for some reason unknown to us the subcommittee did not reflect the proposed increase for the Councils on the Council line. They instead showed the increase netted with the proposed base decrease for fisheries management programs and ATBs on the line item for fisheries management programs. The committee did approve however an increase of \$444K for the Councils out of the requested \$1,644K.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions (301-713-2245).

**Attachments**

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MARK  
FOR THE  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

- Yesterday's House appropriation subcommittee action proposes a 15% reduction from current FY 1995 funding levels for NMFS programs.
- This comes at a time when U.S. fisheries that contribute \$3.5 billion to the economy are in a general state of decline, and the U.S. fishing industry is experiencing severe economic and job loss around the country.
- The action taken by the House will lead to further declines in U.S. fisheries and economic and job losses to the industry.
- Not funding the basic programs to increase and advance our understanding and information on the status of the Nation's valuable and renewable living marine resources deepens the crisis that we are currently facing.
- In recognition of the problems of the fishing industry, the Administration had proposed a 17% increase in funding for NMFS in FY 1996. The action by the subcommittee represents a 27% reduction from the levels proposed by the President.
- Specifically, the House has cut by 55% Federal/state cooperative efforts to manage interjurisdictional and anadromous fisheries, and cut by 46% support to the industry for trade activities and seafood research.
  - The Milford, CT, lab would be forced to close, and major program reductions at Charleston, Pascagoula, Galveston, and Seattle will force additional facility closures.
  - Grants to states for research and management of interjurisdictional and anadromous fish would be reduced significantly. For example, funding to further the recovery of striped bass is eliminated.
  - Support to the industry for access to the seafood export market would be eliminated.
  - Research to improve the detection of contaminants and biotoxins in seafood would be reduced by a third.
  - Loan guarantees for the development of shoreside processing plants and refinancing of existing industry debt would be eliminated.

- Enforcement efforts in New England where fish stocks are at all-time low levels is reduced along with other research necessary to recover depleted New England groundfish stocks.
- Funding for Pacific salmon has been reduced impacting the ability for those fisheries to recover and provide economic benefit and jobs to West Coast communities.
- Observer funding for the valuable bluefin tuna fishery has been reduced by 50% along with critical research on protected species that will force the curtailment of commercial and recreational fishery activities resulting in further economic and job loss.
  - For example, funding to reduce the catch of nontarget species in Alaska would be eliminated.
  - Funding for data error reduction programs critical to ensure accurate estimates of fish stocks and setting harvest levels would be eliminated.
- The funding cuts proposed by the House will worsen and diminish the competitiveness of our commercial fishing industry because the Nation is unable to sustain its valuable fishery resources.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
FY 1996 Budget

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	<u>FY 1995 Appropriation</u>	<u>FY 1996 President's Request</u>	<u>FY 1996 House Mark</u>
<b>NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE:</b>			
<b>Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy:</b>			
Mapping and Charting	32,250	33,586	37,500
Geodesy	<u>20,667</u>	<u>19,927</u>	<u>20,927</u>
Total, Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy	52,917	53,513	58,427
<b>Observation and Assessment:</b>			
Observation and Prediction	13,058	13,636	11,000
Chesapeake Bay observation buoys....	400	0	400
Ocean services.....	<u>4,418</u>	<u>4,414</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Subtotal.....	17,876	18,050	14,400
Estuarine and Coastal Assessment	2,674	3,130	2,674
Ocean assessment program.....	24,528	21,925	14,600
Damage assessment.....	1,200	4,500	1,200
Transfer from Damage Assessment Fund	6,770	6,550	6,550
Oil Pollution Act of 1990.....	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,395</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal.....	36,472	37,500	26,024
Coastal Ocean Science			
Coastal Ocean program.....	<u>12,243</u>	<u>18,541</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Observation and Assessment...	66,591	74,091	40,424

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	FY 1995 Appropriation	FY 1996 President's Request	FY 1996 House Mark
Ocean and Coastal Management:			
Coastal Management			
CZM grants.....	45,500	46,830	36,000
Acquisition of estuarine sanctuaries	3,350	4,214	0
Charleston, Sc, spec.area mgt. plan..	1,000	0	0
Nonpoint pollution control.....	5,000	8,000	0
Subtotal.....	54,850	59,044	36,000
Ocean Management			
Marine sanctuary program.....	12,000	12,178	9,000
Total, Ocean and Coastal Management.	66,850	71,222	45,000
TOTAL, NOS.....	186,358	198,826	143,851

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<b>NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE:</b>			
Information Collection & Analyses:			
Resource Information	65,973	86,467	72,835
Conservation engineering by catch.....	800	900	0
Antarctic research.....	1,200	1,200	1,000
Fishery resource data error reduction.	960	960	0
Marine mammal research.....	2,314	2,314	1,650
Protected species research.....	3,630	3,630	1,800
Chesapeake Bay Studies.....	1,890	1,890	1,000
Right whale research.....	214	214	0
Gear entanglement studies.....	651	651	0
MARFIN.....	3,780	3,780	3,000
SEAMAP.....	1,340	1,340	700
Aquaculture.....	2,500	2,500	0
Alaskan groundfish surveys.....	661	661	661
Bering Sea pollock research.....	945	945	945
West Coast groundfish.....	780	780	780
New England stock depletion.....	1,116	1,116	1,000
Hawaii stock management plan.....	500	0	0
Yukon River chinook salmon.....	700	700	500
Winter Run chinook salmon.....	250	250	0
Atlantic salmon research.....	710	710	500
Gulf of Maine groundfish survey.....	567	567	450
Dolphin safe technologies.....	500	500	0
Habitat research/evaluation.....	470	470	450
Pacific salmon treaty program.....	5,587	5,587	5,000
Fish cooperative inst. enhancement....	410	410	0
Hawaiian monk seals.....	520	520	0

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Stellar sea lion recovery plan.....	1,440	1,440	720
Hawaiian sea turtles.....	240	240	0
Atlantic bluefin tuna research.....	300	0	0
Halibut/Sablefish	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Subtotal.....	102,148	121,842	94,191
<b>Fishery Industry Information</b>			
Fish statistics.....	11,937	14,187	13,000
Alaska groundfish monitoring.....	5,200	5,200	5,200
PACFIN/catch effort data.....	2,300	2,300	2,300
Rec. fishery harvest monitoring.....	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Subtotal.....	22,337	24,587	23,400
<b>Information Analyses &amp; Dissemination</b>			
Computer hardware and software.....	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,483</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Subtotal.....	<u>25,913</u>	<u>27,606</u>	<u>22,373</u>
<b>Total, Info., Collection, &amp; Analyses..</b>	<b>150,398</b>	<b>174,035</b>	<b>139,984</b>

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<b>Conservation and Management Operations:</b>			
<b>Fisheries Management Programs</b>	<b>15,856</b>	<b>16,763</b>	<b>16,000</b>
Columbia River hatcheries.....	10,300	10,263	9,000
Columbia River end. species studies..	288	287	140
Regional councils.....	8,556	8,524	9,000
Fisheries Management (ITQs).....	0	10,000	0
International fisheries commissions..	1,250	395	395
Management of George's Bank.....	480	478	478
Beluga whale committee.....	200	0	200
Pacific tuna management.....	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal.....	<b>38,930</b>	<b>48,702</b>	<b>35,213</b>
<b>Protected Species Management</b>	<b>4,939</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>5,000</b>
ESA listing & status review.....	930	928	0
Tissue bank & stranding network.....	295	294	0
Driftnet Act implementation.....	3,000	2,993	2,500
Marine Mammal Protection Act.....	8,000	10,230	8,000
Endangered Species Act recovery plan.	7,000	14,783	3,000
Fishery observer training.....	300	0	300
East Coast observers.....	<u>700</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>350</u>
Subtotal.....	<b>25,164</b>	<b>36,343</b>	<b>17,150</b>
<b>Habitat Conservation</b>	<b>7,979</b>	<b>10,665</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Enforcement &amp; Surveillance</b>	<b><u>15,460</u></b>	<b><u>18,445</u></b>	<b><u>15,500</u></b>
<b>Total, Conservation and Mgmt. Opns...</b>	<b>87,533</b>	<b>114,155</b>	<b>75,863</b>

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<b>State and Industry Assistance Programs:</b>			
Interjurisdictional fisheries grants	3,156	3,156	2,000
Anadromous grants.....	2,108	2,108	1,500
Anadromous fishery project.....	250	250	0
North Atlantic fishery project	2,800	0	0
Interstate fish commissions.....	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Subtotal	12,314	9,514	5,500
<b>Fisheries Development Program</b>			
Fisheries trade promotion activities..	1,500	1,831	0
Product quality & safety/seafood inspection.	14,155	14,500	10,000
Export strategies/Mahi Mahi.....	750	0	0
Fisheries Biotechnology.....	2,000	1,993	0
Subtotal.....	<u>18,405</u>	<u>18,124</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total, State & Industry Assist. Progs.	<u>30,719</u>	<u>27,638</u>	<u>15,500</u>
<b>TOTAL, NMFS.....</b>	<b>268,650</b>	<b>315,828</b>	<b>231,327</b>

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<b>OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH:</b>			
Climate and Air Quality Research: Interannual & Seasonal Climate Research/ (including Climate & Global Change)	78,770	97,778	59,883
Long-Term Climate & Air Quality Research	27,272	39,144	25,000
High Performance Computing.....	<u>6,500</u>	<u>15,558</u>	<u>6,500</u>
Subtotal.....	33,772	54,702	31,500
GLOBE	7,000	7,038	0
Total, Climate and Air Quality.....	119,542	169,518	91,383
<b>Atmospheric Programs</b>			
Weather Research	33,613	34,720	33,000
Wind profiler.....	4,350	4,350	4,350
Federal/state weather mod. grants...	3,100	0	0
Southeastern storm research.....	<u>400</u>	0	0
Subtotal.....	41,463	39,070	37,350
Solar-Terrestrial services and research	<u>5,483</u>	<u>7,839</u>	<u>5,219</u>
Total, Atmospheric Program.....	46,946	46,909	42,569

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<b>Ocean and Great Lakes Programs:</b>			
<b>Marine Prediction Research</b>	<b>9,506</b>	<b>10,226</b>	<b>9,000</b>
GLERL.....	4,558	4,558	0
Great lakes nearshore research.....	200	200	0
VENTS.....	2,496	0	0
SE US/Caribbean FOCI program.....	450	0	0
GLERL/Zebra mussel.....	911	0	0
Lake Champlain study.....	150	0	0
Pacific Island technical assistance.	180	0	0
Subtotal.....	18,461	14,984	9,000
<b>Sea Grant</b>			
Sea grant college program.....	53,198	49,400	53,300
National coastal R&D institute.....	1,000	0	0
Subtotal.....	54,198	49,400	53,300
<b>Undersea Research Program</b>			
NOAA Undersea Research Program.....	17,932	0	0
Regional marine research centers....	1,500	0	0
Subtotal.....	19,432	0	0
<b>Total, Ocean &amp; Great Lakes Programs</b>	<b>92,091</b>	<b>64,384</b>	<b>62,300</b>
<b>TOTAL, OAR.....</b>	<b>258,579</b>	<b>270,811</b>	<b>196,252</b>

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<b>NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE:</b>			
<b>Operations and Research:</b>			
Local Warnings and Forecasts / MARDI	438,414	417,368	405,300
Data buoy maint. for Hawaii.....	542	542	0
Agricultural & fruit frost program.	2,316	0	0
Fire weather services.....	449	0	0
Susquehanna River Basin Flood Sys..	1,250	669	669
Aviation forecasts.....	35,598	35,598	35,596
Regional climate centers.....	3,200	0	0
Subtotal.....	481,767	454,163	441,565
Central Forecast Guidance	29,015	30,457	28,193
Atmospheric and Hydrological Research	<u>2,487</u>	<u>2,669</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total, Operations and Research.....	513,269	487,289	471,758
<b>Systems Acquisition:</b>			
Public Warning and Forecast Systems			
NEXRAD.....	82,982	55,249	53,335
ASOS.....	17,515	16,952	16,952
AWIPS/NOAAPort.....	34,947	52,097	50,000
Computer Facility Upgrades.....	<u>9,985</u>	<u>12,745</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total, Systems Acquisition.....	<u>145,429</u>	<u>137,043</u>	<u>132,287</u>
TOTAL, NWS.....	658,698	624,332	604,045
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE,			

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	FY 1995 Appropriation	FY 1996 President's Request	FY 1996 House Mark
<b>DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE:</b>			
<b>Satellite Observing Systems:</b>			
Polar spacecraft and launching .....	146,228	198,824	188,883
Polar convergence/IPO .....	16,000	54,000	39,500
Landsat .....	0	12,000	0
Geostationary spacecraft and launching..	132,242	186,501	162,273
Ocean remote sensing.....	6,000	1,600	0
Environmental observing services .....	<u>51,271</u>	<u>55,912</u>	<u>49,000</u>
<b>Total, Satellite Observing Systems....</b>	<b>351,741</b>	<b>508,837</b>	<b>439,656</b>
<b>Environmental Data Management Systems :</b>			
Data and Information Services.....	24,365	28,564	24,365
	<u>11,300</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>11,300</u>
<b>Total, EDMS.....</b>	<b><u>35,665</u></b>	<b><u>43,664</u></b>	<b><u>35,665</u></b>
<b>TOTAL, NESDIS.....</b>	<b>387,406</b>	<b>552,501</b>	<b>475,321</b>

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<b>PROGRAM SUPPORT:</b>			
Administration and Services:			
Executive direction and administration	25,490	25,894	20,000
Systems Program Office (SPO).....	<u>1,792</u>	<u>2,595</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Subtotal.....	27,282	28,489	21,500
Central Administrative Support.....	37,853	54,749	30,000
Retired Pay Commissioned Officers.....	<u>7,706</u>	<u>7,992</u>	<u>7,706</u>
<b>Total, Administration and Services</b>	72,847	91,127	59,206
Maine Services	62,011	62,202	60,000
Aircraft Services	9,153	10,248	9,500
Critical safety & instrumentation...	<u>4,000</u>	0	0
<b>Total, Aircraft Services.....</b>	<u>13,153</u>	<u>10,248</u>	<u>9,500</u>
<b>TOTAL, PS.....</b>	148,011	163,577	128,706

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	<u>FY 1995 Appropriation</u>	<u>FY 1996 President's Request</u>	<u>FY 1996 House Mark</u>
Direct Obligations	1,907,702	2,125,875	1,779,502
GSA Amendment	(-2,054)		
<b>DIRECT OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b>1,907,702</b>	<b>2,125,875</b>	<b>1,779,502</b>
<b>REIMBURSABLE OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b>316,216</b>	<b>309,715</b>	<b>309,715</b>
Anticipated offsetting collections	0	4,000	3,000
	<u>316,216</u>	<u>313,715</u>	<u>312,715</u>
<b>TOTAL OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b>2,223,918</b>	<b>2,439,590</b>	<b>2,092,217</b>
<b>FINANCING:</b>			
Deobligations.....	(16,000)	(18,000)	(30,000)
Anticipated offsetting collections.....	(6,000)	(4,000)	(3,000)
Federal funds.....	(280,607)	(272,207)	(272,207)
Non-federal funds.....	(35,609)	(37,508)	(37,508)
<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY</b>	<u>1,885,702</u>	<u>2,107,875</u>	<u>1,749,502</u>
<b>FINANCING FROM:</b>			
Promote and develop American fisheries.....	(55,500)	(55,500)	(55,500)
Damage assessment & restoration revolving fun	(6,770)	(6,550)	(6,550)
Transfer from BPA	0	(10,300)	0
Mandatory Fish Fees (ITQs)	0	(10,000)	0
<b>APPROPRIATION, ORF</b>	<b>1,823,432</b>	<b>2,025,525</b>	<b>1,687,452</b>



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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THE DIRECTOR

JUN 1 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Directors, RFMC  
Regional Directors, NMFS

FROM: John E. Oliver, Jr. *John E. Oliver, Jr.*  
Director, Budget and Planning Office

SUBJECT: FY 1996 Regional Council Funding

The President's FY 1996 Budget proposes an increase for the Regional Councils of \$1,644,000 over the base funding of \$8,556,000. Until the appropriation is enacted, we will not know how much, if any, of the requested increase will be available for Council use. Consequently, the only funding we are reasonably assured of is the base amount of \$8,556,000. Since the allocation of the base funding among the eight Councils has not changed for FY 1996, this is the funding level which you should request in your initial grant application. If the \$1,644,000 increase is approved, you will be required to submit an amendment based on an allocation to be determined at a later date. Our only ability to provide you with additional funding over the \$8,556,000 level, including the three Councils who received one-time increases in FY 1995, is based solely on achieving the increase proposed in the FY 1996 President's budget.

In order to ensure funding availability on October 1, 1995, each Council must submit its FY 1996 award application (based on the allocation displayed in the attachment) to the appropriate Regional Office **no later than June 22, 1995**. The application package (original and three copies) should be completed by the Regional Office and forwarded to the NMFS Headquarters (F/BP) **no later than Friday, June 30, 1995**. This due date is in accordance with instructions provided to us from the NOAA Grants Management Division.

Any application submitted after July 1 must be accompanied by a memorandum from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries confirming its urgency. Due to the backlog of applications submitted in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, late applications are NOT guaranteed October 1 start dates.

As always your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. Please call me or Sylvia Stribling on 301-713-2245 if you have questions.

Attachment

THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
FOR FISHERIES





**REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
FY 1996 FUNDING LEVEL**

(\$ in thousands)

COUNCILS	FY96 BASE	FY 1996 GSA RENT	FY 1996 AVAILABLE
NEW ENGLAND	\$1,100.0	...	\$1,100.0
MID-ATLANTIC	1,153.1	-\$38.2	1,114.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC	1,029.4	...	1,029.4
GULF OF MEXICO	1,262.3	...	1,262.3
CARIBBEAN	617.6	...	617.6
PACIFIC	1,167.6	...	1,167.6
WEST PACIFIC	827.4	...	827.4
NORTH PACIFIC	1,398.6	-45.0	1,353.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,556.0</b>	<b>-\$83.2</b>	<b>\$8,472.8</b>

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      Larry Six            PFMC                503-326-6831  
      John Oliver         NMFS                 301-713-2299

FROM: Don Bevan/Liza Bauman            FAX: (503) 650-5426

DATE: July 5, 1995                            TIME: 2:00 pm

SUBJECT: Pacific Fisheries Coalition -- Critical Funding Needs FY 96

**SUBJECT/COMMENTS:**

Following is an updated budget for your review of the Pacific Fisheries Coalition "Critical Fisheries Funding Needs for FY 1996".

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 please call (503) 650-5400.

## CRITICAL FISHERIES FUNDING NEEDS FOR FY 1996

*National Marine Fisheries Service  
FY 1996 Budget \$ Thousands*

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1995 Enacted	1996 President's Request	1996 Coalition Request	1996 House Mark  Note #10	Additions Required to House Mark to Equal 1995 Enacted	Additions Required to House Mark to Equal our Request

### Information Collection & Analysis

#### Resources Information

Bering Sea & Gulf of Alaska Research	\$945	\$945	\$1,175	\$945	\$0	\$230
West Coast Groundfish	\$2,280	\$2,280	\$2,280	\$780	\$1,500	\$1,500
Pacific Salmon Treaty	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$7,944	\$5,000	\$587	\$2,944
Alaska Groundfish Surveys	\$661	\$661	\$661	\$661	\$0	\$0
Halibut/Sablefish IFQ's	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
Marine Mammal Population Assessment	\$2,314	\$2,314	\$2,314	\$1,850	\$464	\$464
Stellar Sea Lion Recovery Plan	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$720	\$720	\$720
Subtotal	\$14,427	\$14,427	\$17,014	\$11,156	\$3,271	\$5,858
Subtotal Resources Information	\$102,175	\$121,843		\$94,191	\$7,984	

#### Fishery Industry Information

Alaska Groundfish Monitoring	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,400	\$5,200	\$0	\$200
PacFIN	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$3,000	\$2,300	\$0	\$700
Marine Recreational Survey (RecFIN)	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,000	\$2,900	\$0	\$100
Subtotal	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$11,400	\$10,400	\$0	\$1,000
Subtotal Fishery Industry Information	\$22,400	\$24,587		\$23,400	(\$1,000)	
Subtotal Info. Analysis & Dissemination	\$26,000	\$27,608		\$22,878	\$3,827	
Subtotal Info. Collection & Analysis	\$150,575	\$174,035		\$139,964	\$10,611	

### Conservation and Management Operations

#### Fisheries Management Programs

Base Program	\$16,000	\$15,034	\$15,034	\$16,000	\$0	(\$966)
Regional Fishery Councils	\$8,556	\$10,200	\$10,500	\$9,000	(\$444)	\$1,500
Mitchell Act Hatcheries	\$18,500	\$14,100	\$18,500	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$9,500
Pacific Tuna/Billfish Management	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subtotal	\$45,056	\$41,334	\$46,034	\$34,000	\$11,056	\$12,034

## CRITICAL FISHERIES FUNDING NEEDS FOR FY 1996

*National Marine Fisheries Service  
FY 1996 Budget \$ Thousands*

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1995 Enacted	1996 President's Request	1996 Coalition Request	1996 House Mark  Note #10	Additions Required to House Mark to Equal 1995 Enacted	Additions Required to House Mark to Equal our Request

<b>Protected Species Management</b>						
Columbia Basin Endangered Species Recovery	\$7,000	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$9,000	\$4,000	\$11,800
High Seas Research and North Pacific International Salmon and Groundfish Agreements	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,278 Note #5	\$2,600	\$400	\$678
Marine Mammal Protection Act (Observers)	\$8,000 Note #8	\$10,250	\$10,250 Note #8	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$4,250
Subtotal	\$18,000	\$28,050	\$28,328	\$11,600	\$6,400	\$16,728
Subtotal Protected Species Management	\$25,225	\$36,848		\$17,150	\$8,075	
<b>Habitat Conservation</b>						
	\$8,000	\$10,665		\$8,000	\$0	
<b>Enforcement and Surveillance</b>						
	\$15,500	\$18,445	\$18,445	\$15,500	\$0	\$2,945
Total Conservation & Management Operations	\$57,799	\$114,165		\$75,863	\$11,938	
<b>Grants to States</b>						
Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act	\$3,156	\$3,156	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$1,156	\$1,500
Anadromous Fish Grants	\$2,108	\$2,108	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$608	\$1,000
Interstate Fisheries Commissions	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,100 Note #6 Note #8	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,100
Subtotal	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$10,100	\$5,500	\$3,764	\$4,600
Subtotal Grants to States	\$12,314	\$9,514		\$5,500	\$6,814	
<b>Fisheries Development Program</b>						
Total Fisheries Coalition Request	\$18,500	\$18,124		\$10,000	\$8,500	
	\$120,647	\$132,585	\$131,321	\$86,156	\$24,491	\$35,185
TOTAL NMFS ORF	\$268,650	\$315,828		\$281,327	\$37,323	
TOTAL NMFS	\$280,837	\$328,021				

Note #1	Includes \$1.5M to Newport designated for Groundfish.
Note #2	Includes only North Pacific Council Program.
Note #3	Includes \$2.2M in Construction Account for Maintenance \$3.7M and Fish Screens \$4.5M.
Note #4	Includes operations and \$9.8M maintenance.
Note #5	Funds will be used for Central Bering Sea (Donut) Fisheries and North Pacific Anadromous stocks including High Seas Salmon.
Note #6	Includes \$3.5M for Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act.
Note #7	North Pacific Council \$1.79M, Pacific Council \$1.65M, Western Pacific Council \$1.63M.
Note #8	\$1.5M is earmarked for marine resource observers in the North Pacific.
Note #9	House Mark for construction is not yet available. Fish screens presumed at \$0.
Note #10	An item not on the Coalition list is Conservation and Engineering/Bycatch. FY95 \$800 has been cut to \$0. This program supports the Bycatch Reduction Program at the Alaska Science Center.

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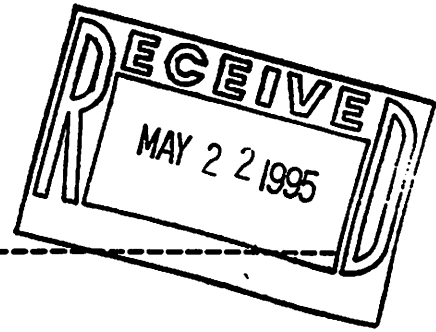
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Text item 1:

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----- [Original Message] -----

As you may know, the House and Senate Budget Committees have released their budget resolutions for FY 1996. Both resolutions would result in severe cutbacks for NOAA. The House resolution would reduce NOAA by 11-percent from the FY 1995 base leading to an eventual reduction of 22-percent by 1999. The Senate resolution would require a 5-percent reduction from the FY 1995 base which would be consistent through FY 1999.

These represent serious cutbacks not only in funding, but in our ability to deliver the products and services we provide to the American people on a daily basis. We have performed an analysis to determine more specifically how these budget reductions might impact NOAA. As a result of this analysis, we have come up with a package of "illustrative cuts" which show how these reductions might be administered across the board at NOAA.

These illustrative cuts do not reflect our priorities and do not represent our budget plan for NOAA. However, Representative John Kasich, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, asked for illustrative cuts and we have responded. These cuts do give an idea of the magnitude and impact of the challenges we are facing. For the purposes of this analysis the cuts were applied equally to all line offices and functions in NOAA. Any references to potential RIFs at this point are only speculative. This is the beginning of a long budget process and there will be time over the next several months to work through these issues.

In light of all the budget activity, I wanted to assure each of you that we are working as hard as we can to maintain the integrity of the budget we have so carefully crafted. The budget is our top priority and we have not wavered in our commitment to making this agency the best it can be.

This past week I have met with key Members of Congress and our most important constituent groups to explain the severity of the impact these potential cuts would have. The government faces severe fiscal problems, and we are willing to do our part to deal with those problems. However, we will continue to oppose cuts that disrupt our ability to provide the services vital to the health, safety and economic well-being of all Americans.

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**Illustrative Cuts**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**FY 1996 House Budget Resolution**  
**Analysis of Impact**

The House Budget Resolution as passed by the House Budget Committee includes a \$1.705 billion level for NOAA. This constitutes a 22 percent reduction from the FY 1996 President's Budget of \$2.185 billion and a 15 percent reduction from currently available funds (FY 1995 appropriation) of \$2.003 billion. While NOAA's primary appropriation which supports NOAA operations is reduced 20 percent, the Construction account is reduced 47 percent and the Fleet Replacement and Modernization account is eliminated.

As an operational agency, NOAA is labor-intensive. Initial estimates suggest that employment would be terminated for in excess of 1,000 NOAA employees from the agency. This is in addition to the 16 percent reduction (2,300 FTE) in personnel already planned by NOAA by FY 1999. Given the immediate nature of the reductions, major RIFs would be required.

Absent specific language in the House Budget Resolution, this analysis presumes an across-the-board reduction using the actual FY 1995 appropriation as the baseline. The analysis of these impacts by operational entity is contained in the following pages. This information would be used to help management determine the impacts of the Budget Resolution on future NOAA operations. A few of the major program changes that were identified include:

- o discontinue the National Weather Service modernization program. Do not open 20 modernized offices, close 9 of the 98 currently established modernized offices, and close more quickly than current law allows the older offices. Forty two of the 118 newly planned radars would not be operated.
- o reduce fisheries enforcement by 20 percent, reduce NMFS personnel by 30 percent, and close 8 to 10 laboratories. The loss of service would compromise compliance with fisheries rules risking overfishing in more areas.
- o eliminate one-half of the satellite capability. A total

**satellite blackout, in either the GOES or polar program, would be inevitable. The elimination of one GOES would prevent the early warning of Atlantic storms and coverage of the Hawaiian archipelago. Elimination of one polar satellite reduces by half the coverage of Alaska.**

## **National Marine Fisheries Service**

**The House Budget Resolution for FY 1996 implies reductions in the NMFS budget of \$76.9 million, 24 percent less than the FY 1996 President's Request. At this substantially reduced level, NMFS would be unable to promote sustainable fisheries or to protect endangered species. As a result of these cuts, hundreds of millions of dollars in economic benefits/fisheries productivity would be lost.**

### **Management Reductions**

**At this reduced level, NMFS would have to RIF between 500 and 850 employees. This 30 percent reduction in personnel would stress fishery and endangered/protected species management beyond capacity, resulting in overfishing and possible extinction of species. NMFS would have to close/consolidate 1-2 regional offices and 1-2 regional science centers, as well as 8-10 laboratories. Of course, no replacement laboratories would be constructed as are planned for Auke Bay in Alaska, Santa Cruz in California and Honolulu in Hawaii. The major locations that would be affected by these cuts are indicated in Attachment 1.**

### **Programmatic Reductions**

**Major aspects of the Nation's fishery management programs designed to ensure the health of the fishing industry would be severely curtailed, thus allowing possible overfishing or, even worse, collapses in fishery stocks. Cuts required by this reduced funding level include:**

- **A 20 percent reduction in enforcement of fishery regulations at ports.**
- **Major reductions in fishery resource surveys, termination of the recreational fisheries statistics and interjurisdictional programs, and reductions in support to the fishery management councils.**
- **Elimination of all assistance to the fishing industry.**

**NMFS would be unable to meet its mandated requirements under the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act, thus increasing the potential for extinction and related lawsuits. Cuts required by this reduced funding level include:**



- **Termination of marine mammal status assessments and take reduction teams.**
- **Reduction in support for the recovery of endangered salmon species in the Pacific northwest.**
- **Closure of 10-12 of the current 22 hatcheries in the Columbia River basin.**

**Attachment 1**

**Major Locations Affected by Management Reductions**

**Northeast**

**Narragansett, RI  
Milford, CT  
Sandy Hook, NJ  
Systematics, DC**

**Southeast**

**Oxford, MA  
Beaufort, NC  
Panama City, FL  
Pascagoula/  
Bay St. Louis, MS  
Galveston, TX**

**Southwest**

**Honolulu, HA  
La Jolla, CA  
Tiburon, CA  
Pacific Grove, CA  
Long Beach, CA**

**Northwest**

**Montlake, WA  
Manchester, WA  
Pasco, WA  
Point Adams, OR  
Portland, OR  
Seattle, WA**

**Alaska**

**Auke Bay, AK  
Kodiak, AK**