

FAK

PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

November 24, 1976

Mr. Bruce A. Lentz, Chairman  
South Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council  
Box 1910  
Hickory, NC 28601

Dear Mr. Lentz:

Your letter of November 12, 1976, suggested a January 11 meeting of Regional Council Chairmen to discuss common problems. Our Council reviewed your letter at its November 22-23 meeting and supported the need for such a meeting, if it could be held before a final decision is made by NMFS on reprogramming FY77 extended jurisdiction funds.

We have checked with Director Schoning's office and they have agreed that by January 11 they will have a tentative FY77 budget proposal we could review prior to their making a final decision.

We would propose considering the following subjects at a joint meeting on January 11.

Budgets: Review of 1977 extended jurisdiction budget and NMFS reprogramming proposal.

Optimum Yield: The various Councils are considering definitions and procedures to comply with the requirements for meeting optimum yield requirements of management plans. We see the need for consistency between Councils. Attached is a paper by Dr. Crutchfield which speaks to this matter.

Development of a National Organization of Councils: We see a need for a continuing coordination between Councils and there is merit in considering some approach to accomplish this. It could include establishing a central coordinating office in Washington, D.C.

We commend your initiative in suggesting this intercouncil meeting.

Sincerely,

*John W. McKean*  
for  
John W. McKean, Chairman

Attachment

cc: Council Members  
Regional Council Chairmen  
Mr. Schoning, F

RECEIVED  
NOV 25 1976  
FBI