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MEMORANDUM FOR: Susan A. Kennedy
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FROM: *William T. Hogarth*
William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: Delegation of Responsible Program Manager Responsibilities
Applicable to the Approval of Exempted Fishing Permits, Related
Scientific Research Permits, and Related Financial Assistance

As you are aware, one of the objectives of our Regulatory Streamlining Project is to reduce the number of reviews and clearances conducted in headquarters for regional office initiated actions. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a step that we are taking in order to accommodate that objective with respect to the review and approval of exempted fishing activities.

Under the provision of Section 2.02b.1. of NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 entitled, Environmental Review Procedures For Implementing The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), I am delegating to National Marine Fisheries Service's Regional Administrators (RA) the Responsible Program Manager's (RPM) responsibilities applicable to the approval of exempted fishing permits, as well as any related scientific research permits and financial assistance. Please see the attached delegation memorandum which specifies the scope of this RPM delegation and the controls applicable to it.

The attached memorandum also continues our emphasis on our shared objective of frontloading the completion of our NEPA analyses into the affected decision-making processes. Accordingly, please let me know if any issues or problems arise in our inviting your staff's early participation in the development of these analyses.

As further required by Section 2.02b.1., following are the names, titles, and telephone numbers of the NMFS' RAs receiving this RPM delegation:

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Please contact John Hansel on 301-713-2239 if you have any questions regarding this delegation.
Thank you and your staff for your continuing cooperation.

Attachment

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