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Fisheries Management

***DECISION MEMO: NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CAPACITY***

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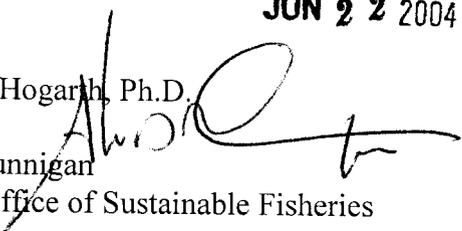
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MEMORANDUM FOR: William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.
 FROM: 
 John H. Dunnigan
 Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries
 SUBJECT: U.S. National Plan of Act for the Management of Fishing Capacity - -
 DECISION MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND

The attached U.S. National Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity (NPOA/Capacity) was prepared to meet a commitment made by the United States when it agreed in 1999 to the FAO-sponsored International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity. The NPOA/Capacity stresses the key role played by the Regional Fishery Management Councils as originators of capacity management programs, and notes the variety of means that are available to address capacity issues. I also call to your attention this plan's explicit long-term goals: to significantly reduce or eliminate overcapacity in 25 percent of federally managed fisheries by 2009 and in a substantial majority of fisheries in the following decade. I believe that these goals are feasible and will satisfy those constituents who have urged a strong course of action.

RECOMMENDATION

The NPOA/Capacity has gone through comprehensive internal and external reviews, including comments from F, and I recommend that you approve this plan.

✓ [Signature] I concur [Signature] I do not concur [Signature] Let's discuss
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