NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE POLICY DIRECTIVE 32-102 ***APRIL 27, 1998***
Information Management
ADDRESSING IT ISSUES WITHIN NMFS
NOTICE: This publication is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/directives/.
OPR: F/ (D. Evans) **Certified by:** F/ **Type of Issuance: Renewed 08**
SUMMARY OF REVISIONS:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

APR 27 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
Science Directors
Office Directors

FROM: David L. Evans
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries

SUBJECT: Policy for Addressing Information Technology (IT) Issues within NMFS

To ensure effective information management with a central focal point and agency-wide involvement, the Information Management Charter Team recommended in April 1996 the establishment of the National Information Management Board (NIMB) and the position of the Chief Information Officer (CIO).

The NIMB was established in April 1996 and further empowered by the Executive Board with IT-policy making authority in December 1996. The charge of the NIMB is to establish and develop information management policy, strategy, and guidelines and to oversee implementation. The CIO chairs the NIMB, and in that role, she coordinates on-going and planned IT issues and developments which support our mission. The CIO also is responsible for establishing IT policy and guidelines as related to specific Headquarters requirements.

NOAA and DOC recognize NMFS as a leader and model in the new information management culture created by the Government Performance Results Act and the Clinger-Cohen Act. The NIMB serves as our IT Capital and Planning Investment Review Board, as required by the Clinger-Cohen Act. Similarly, a NOAA IT Board was established a year ago composed of all the Line Office Deputy Assistant Administrators, and also serves as the NOAA Capital Planning and Investment Review Board.

With the forthcoming implementation of our IT Target Architecture, the roles of the NIMB and the CIO are increasingly important for providing oversight and ensuring its successful implementation. Therefore, all IT issues and activities which potentially impact NMFS' programmatic and management goals are to be coordinated with and reviewed by the NIMB and the CIO.

I expect your full commitment and support as we all recognize that information is one of NMFS' most valuable resources.

cc: Rolland A. Schmitten
Nancy W. Huang
Mary C. Langlais
NIMB Members