



August 12, 2003

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National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East West Highway, Room 13317
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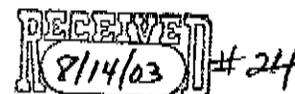


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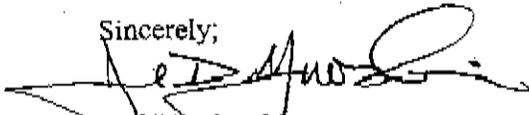
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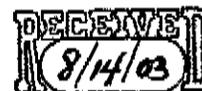
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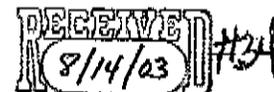
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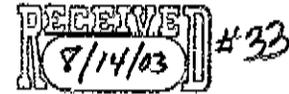
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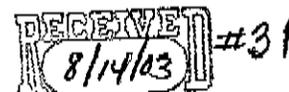
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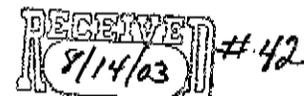
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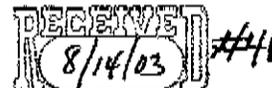
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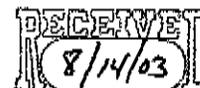
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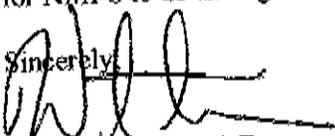
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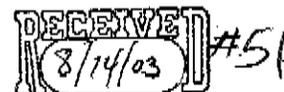
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Philip E. Barta
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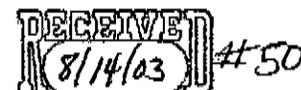
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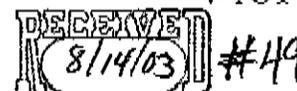
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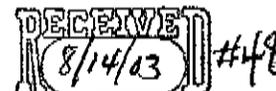
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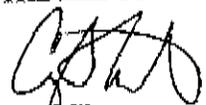
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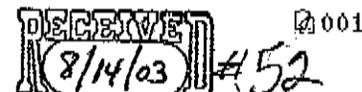
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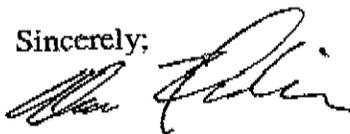
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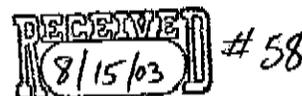
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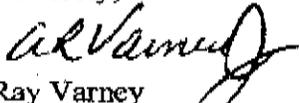
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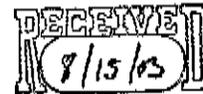
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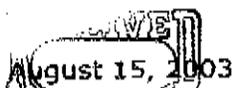
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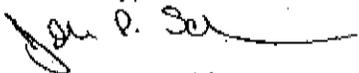
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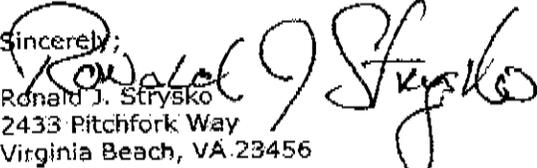
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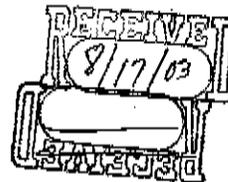
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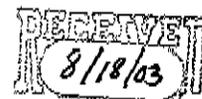
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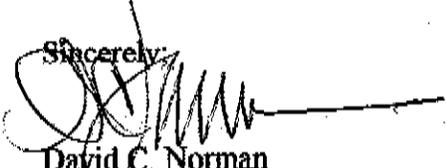
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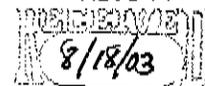
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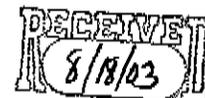
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Bill Stracale

Po Box 961

S. OULEANS, MA 02662



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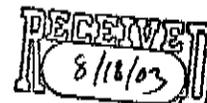
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382 Sweetman Road
Ballston Spa NY 12020



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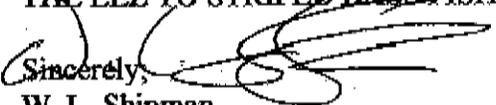
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W. L. Shipman
240 Gales Ferry Rd. Groton CT. 06340



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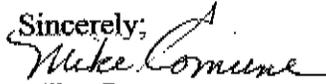
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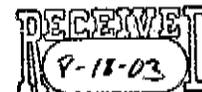
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Captain Skip Slomski
224 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, MD 21226

PLEASE.

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