



Regional Fishery Management Council Coordination Committee

February 7, 2011



Mr. Eric Schwaab
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Dear Mr. Schwaab:

At the recent Interim Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting, the CCC adopted a motion relative to the discussion about convening a significant national conference, hosted jointly by the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The motion stated:



The CCC shall establish a Committee charged with making a recommendation to the CCC at its annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina relative to the following matters associated with a possible national conference on U.S. marine fishery management.

1. Occurrence (should there be a conference, or not?).
2. Topics.
3. Logistics (when and where?).
4. Funding.
5. Format.



The Committee should be a joint Committee with NMFS membership, should they agree. The Committee shall include the Executive Directors of the Western Pacific, North Pacific, Pacific, and Mid-Atlantic Councils, together with up to four commensurate representatives of the NMFS, should they agree to be on the Committee.



We hope that you will concur that this planning committee should move forward as a collaborative initiative, and that you will designate individuals to engage in the preliminary considerations as per the motion above. Please have your designees contact Dr. Don McIsaac directly, who has been selected to take the lead on behalf of this CCC planning committee.



Sincerely,

Robert K. Mahood
Executive Director, SAFMC



cc: Executive Directors

