




UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA Grants Management Division

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Coral Reef Conservation Program Grant Match Waiver

This memorandum confirms designation of the Program Manager of NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program as the primary NOAA authority for management of activities and requirements under the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. §§ 6401 *et seq.*). This includes management of the grants program under the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. The Program Manager is authorized to grant waivers under Sec. 204(b)(2) of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, which states that "[t]he Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement under paragraph (1) if the Administrator determines that no reasonable means are available through which applicants can meet the matching requirement and the probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement." Should you have any questions, please contact Craig Reid at (240) 533-0783 or craig.a.reid@noaa.gov.

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

