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SUBJECT: Redelegation of Authority, Office of Fisheries

TO: Financial Management Centers

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Industries provides for restrictions on the issuance of vessel permits. FMP implementing regulations specify that continuation of a vessel permit for the surf clam fishery when the vessel changes ownership must be authorized by the Assistant Administrator.

To facilitate the timely and efficient processing of requests for the continuation of surf clam vessel permits when changes in vessel ownership occur, I hereby redelegate to the Regional Director, Northeast Region, my authority to authorize continuation of surf clam vessel permits when changes in vessel ownership occur.

The Regional Director shall provide me with notification of actions taken under this redelegation.

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Administrator for Fisheries

Richard A. Frank

Administrator

