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Ms. Jennifer Wittmann, Director
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Dear Ms. Wittmann:

This is to advise you of a proposed federal action and the conclusion of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the consistency of such action with the provisions of your state's Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). Pursuant to the action requested by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, NMFS would promulgate regulations to reduce the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group king mackerel overfishing limit, acceptable biological catch, and annual catch limits based on the most recent stock assessment (Southeast Data Assessment and Review 38 Update). Framework 11 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region can be found at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/framework-11-management-gulf-king-mackerel>.

This letter is submitted pursuant to provisions of 15 CFR Section 930 *et seq.* and Section 307 of the CZMA of 1972, as amended. We have reviewed the proposed action with regard to the provisions of your state's CZMP and determined this action is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of that program. We are requesting you advise us of your agreement or disagreement with our determination in accordance with the provisions of 15 CFR Section 930.39. In the event there is no response from your agency within 60 days of receipt of this letter, we will presume your agency's concurrence with our determination of consistency in accordance with 15 CFR Section 930.41.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Kelli O'Donnell at (727) 824-5305 or e-mail her at Kelli.ODonnell@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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