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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 by 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 and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, NMFS would promulgate regulations to implement Amendment 34 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region (Amendment 34). Amendment 34 would update the Atlantic migratory group king mackerel (Atlantic king mackerel) acceptable biological catch, annual catch limits, recreational annual catch targets, and sector allocations based on the most recent stock assessment (Southeast Data Assessment and Review 38 Update assessment 2020). Additionally, the amendment proposes changes to management measures for Atlantic king mackerel and Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel.

Amendment 34 can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-34-catch-level-and-allocation-adjustments-and-management-measures-atlantic-king>.

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. Mary Vara at (727) 824-5305 or e-mail her at Mary.Vara@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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