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Good morning,

Please find the subject letter attached. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thanks.

Have a great week.

Frank

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Dear Mr. Underwood:

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 Council (Council), NMFS would promulgate regulations to modify the current data collection program for the Gulf of America (Gulf) shrimp fishery by requiring the owner or operator of a vessel with a federal shrimp permit, if selected by NMFS, to install an electronic logbook device that has been type-approved for the Gulf shrimp fishery, which at a minimum archives vessel position data when on a shrimp fishing trip in the Gulf and automatically transmits that data to NMFS. The Framework Action can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/framework-action-under-fishery-management-plan-shrimp-fishery-gulf-us-waters-shrimp-vessel>.

This letter is submitted pursuant to provisions of 15 CFR Section 930, Subpart C "Consistency for Federal Agency Activities" 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 contact Frank Helies at (727) 209-5988 or frank.helies@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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