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Dear Dr. Norton:

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 (Gulf Council) and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council), NMFS would promulgate a rule to implement the Commercial Electronic Reporting Amendment for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region. The Commercial Electronic Reporting Amendment includes Amendment 54 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 4 to the FMP for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic; Amendment 35 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Regions; and Amendment 57 to the FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

This action would require commercially permitted vessels to submit electronic fishing reports on electronic reporting forms approved by the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Research Director.

The Commercial Electronic Reporting Amendment can be found here:
<https://safmc.net/amendments/comprehensive-commercial-electronic-logbook-amendment/>

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 agency's concurrence with our determination of consistency in accordance with 15 CFR Section 930.41.



We appreciate your consideration, and if you have any questions, please call Karla Gore at 727-551-5753 or at karla.gore@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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